



SCHOOLS HEAD IN RIGHT DIRECTION

Report by David Cosgrove

IMPROVEMENTS across Dudley's primary schools show standards in the borough are 'moving in the right direction', according to an education chief.

Primary schools in the borough were ranked joint 79th in the national Key Stage 2 tables – an improvement of nine places compared to 2014.

Dudley Council's cabinet member for children's services Ian Cooper said the latest results show the authority's efforts are starting to bear fruit.

A total of 80 per cent of primary pupils in the borough gained level four or better in the key subjects of reading, writing and maths.

But there is still work to be done, according to Councillor Cooper, with the authority wanting every child to have a top-class education.

He said: "What we want to have is a good or outstanding school in every area.

"That's our ambition and what we're working towards, and what our schools, parents and children want as well.

"The latest figures show we're moving in the right direction across the board.

Challenge

"The Government agenda at the moment is all about continuous improvement and continuous challenge.

"Local authorities' focus is about supporting schools to improve year on year.

"That seems to be beginning to bear fruit because we're working in partnership with schools.

"The council really wants to thank the students, staff and parents for all their hard work – these results are down to them at the end of the day."

The top performing school this year was Cradley CofE Primary in Halesowen, where 100 per cent of pupils managed to gain the benchmark grades.

It was also a good year for Mount Pleasant Primary in Brierley Hill.

The school jumped three places up the table to fifth spot, with 95 per cent of pupils taking Key Stage 2 tests gaining at least level four in the three key subjects.

Other impressive performers this year were Lutley Primary and Howley Grange Primary, both in Halesowen, which saw 99 per cent and 97 per cent achievement respectively.

Primaries in neighbouring Worcestershire were rated just below those in Dudley, but some of the county's top performers are in Wyre Forest district.

A total of 76 per cent of primary schools in Worcestershire achieved level four or better in the key subjects of reading, writing and maths.

PUB TURNS INTO FAIRYTALE CASTLE FOR CHRISTMAS



Magical display — Clare McGill-Williams with daughter Lois, six, outside The Summer House pub, at Gospel End Road, Sedgley

A SEDGLEY landlord's pub is his castle this festive season as he has converted the inn into a lit-up fairy tale set for Christmas.

While the pub on Gospel End Road is called the Summer House, it is clearly equally prepared to be more of a winter wonderland when it's the season to be merry.

The pub is famous for its fairy lights but

landlord and landlady Phil and Karen Kennedy have gone a whole lot further with their Disney-style display.

With an estimated 10,000 bulbs, a wooden Disney castle, Mickey and Minnie Mouse made from cardboard, not to mention the house from the movie Up – it makes for a stunning view.

Phil, Karen's father and a member of staff got to work on the display straight after Bonfire Night. The illuminations are the talk of Sedgley, much of the Black Country and South Staffs. Karen said: "The previous landlord started the Christmas lights. It became a tradition, everyone knows about it and expects something new every year."

COURT

Man charged with murdering his wife

A MAN has appeared in court charged with the murder of his wife.

Paul Abbott, aged 56, from Lodge Crescent, Netherton, was remanded in custody to appear before crown court on March 15 for a plea and case management hearing.

Mr Abbott, who was wearing a grey tracksuit, spoke only to confirm his details. Jacqueline Abbott, aged 54, died shortly after being found with serious head injuries at their house in Lodge Crescent, on December 11. Mr Abbott was arrested by officers at the scene on Sunday and charged with her murder.

HOUSING

Plan for 900 homes on industrial land

MULTI-MILLION pound plans to build more than 900 homes on disused industrial land in Coseley have been backed for approval by council officers.

The outline proposal is to demolish all the existing buildings on the 66-acre Coseley Park site, other than the former Bean Motor car offices.

This would pave the way for 925 homes and a 30,000 sq ft supermarket on the site in Sedgley Road West.

It will be decided on at a Dudley Council meeting on Monday.

HEALTH

Russells Hall ranked best performing A&E

RUSSELLS Hall Hospital was ranked the best performing A&E in the country for waiting times during latest figures.

The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust saw 98.9 per cent of patients at the hospital being treated, admitted or discharged within four hours of arrival.

Bosses say they are delighted with the achievements of staff revealed in figures for October published by NHS England for A&E Attendances and Emergency Admissions. Trust chief executive Paula Clark said: "This is great news for our patients because this achievement places us among the very best in the country."

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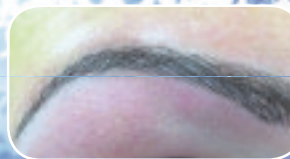
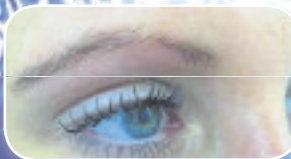
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Tributes to Black Country's Braveheart



Businessman Charles Hanmer

A BUSINESS leader who strived to promote firms and organisations in the Black Country for more than five decades has died aged 72.

Tributes to Charles Hanmer have poured in from industry bosses.

Mr Hanmer, of Wordsley, was once dubbed the 'Black Country Braveheart' for his efforts to support and promote local businesses.

He died on December 1 at Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital following a stroke, leaving wife Jill and son James.

He launched several companies in the area and blazed a trail for Black

Country industry as a senior officer with chambers of commerce and other business groups.

His sayings included: "If you want to talk positive about the Black Country then talk to me. If you want to talk negative, you've got the wrong person."

Current president of the Black Country Chamber of Commerce Ninder Johal said Mr Hanmer's passion for business would be sorely missed.

"He was one in a generation, he was so much larger than life," said Mr Johal.

"He had so much to give to the re-

gion and he gave it all. He grew up and worked in the region all his life. It was part of his DNA. He put his own interests second and the region's first. He will be missed."

Mr Hanmer began his career as a machine tool fitter at Bronx Engineering in Lye. He later became managing director at Netherton Ales PLC and he started textiles and chemicals firm Kentex in 1973 with just £100.

His other companies included Goldtan of Mercia, Enterprise Leasing & Finance Ltd, Charles Advertising Ltd and Charles Group.

Beth giving all she can back with charity song

BETH Sherburn has carved out a successful singing career and now she is using the Christmas period to give something back.

Releasing her Christmas charity single – Snow Angels – the 24-year-old from Lower Gornal aims to raise as much money as possible for Make A Wish Foundation, saying it is a great cause to support and be involved with.

The singer has previously visited a number of schools across the UK to talk about the issue of cyber bullying.

She said that she is trying to do as much charity work as possible.

Beth added: "I'm just very grateful to be in the position I'm in now that I can try and make a difference. Even if it's only to one child, I feel like I've done something."

"To be able to send a message through my music is an incredible feeling."

"I'm lucky enough to be involved with charities and the Make A Wish Foundation really is something I feel very passionate about."

Shocked

"To do something for these terminally ill children really does mean a lot to me."

Back in 2012, Beth was working at Debenhams in Merry Hill, when she was overheard singing by a top music producer who happened to be walking past while buying his wife a Christmas present.

She was left shocked when the music mogul behind Busted, Girls Aloud and Take That, John McLaughlin, went out of his way to tell her that she had a great voice.

She has since signed a £250,000 record deal with Purple Circle Records and last year toured with The Saturdays and has released a single, Joker, with rapper Lil' Wayne. Before all this however, Beth had been singing in public for many years, performing at Birmingham Rep with Matthew



From perfume counter to pop star — down-to-earth singer Beth Sherburn from Lower Gornal

Kelly and George Costigan in Don Quixote when she was 14.

She also performed in a gospel choir on the same bill as star soprano Katherine Jenkins at The Royal Albert Hall.

Beth has made national headlines with her remarkable rise, but even

when she had been spotted, she refused to leave her post at the perfume counter until after Christmas.

She added: "It's just so bizarre that this all started in my workplace. It was just a normal day — that's what's so amazing."

"I'm looking forward to the future,

working on my new album and hopefully going on my own UK tour next year. I appreciate everyone who has supported me, this is only the beginning."

You can buy the single for 79p on iTunes with all proceeds going to Make A Wish Foundation.

Santa and grotto boat trips return to caverns

THE popular Santa's grotto has returned to Dudley Canal Tunnel and Limestone Mines.

Visitors will be treated to the pantomime Red Riding Hood and will get the opportunity to meet Santa and receive a present in his illuminated underground grotto.

Santa boat trips will be running on certain days during December, between 10am and 5pm.

Nick Morris, chief executive at Dudley Canal Trust Trips Ltd, said: "Our hugely popular Santa boat trips are a magical experience like no other, our elves have been very busy wrapping thousands of presents."

The trust's Santa trips are now into their 30th year and always receive fantastic reviews from visitors.

This year NCS The Challenge, a leading social integration charity, has added to the festive decorations, working with the events team to make props for Santa's grotto.

The trips will depart from the trust's new Portal building which houses an interactive exhibition, community learning space and new licensed restaurant Gongoozlers.

The Santa boat trips last about an hour and tickets are priced at £10.80 for both children and adults. All children receive a present. The trips take place on December 18, 21 and 22.

For availability and booking please visit the trust's website www.dudleycanaltrust.org.uk or call on 0121 557 6265.

Government funds for starter homes

HOMES for first-time buyers will be built on four sites across Dudley borough after £625,010 Government funding was awarded to Dudley Council.

The 'starter homes' programme aims to provide for 200,000 first-time buyers who will be able to purchase houses or flats at a 20 per cent discount.

Dudley Council was one of three local authorities in the Black Country to secure the funding.

The homes or flats will be built at sites in Wrens Nest Road, King William Street, Mere Road and Beechwood Road.

Communities Secretary, Greg Clark, said: "Right from day one this Government has said we will help people who want to get on in life."

Sandwell was awarded £1,198,900 and Wolverhampton £438,000.

New classrooms for primary school

NEW classrooms were opening at a Stourbridge school this week, described as 'fit for the 21st century'.

The classrooms at Gig Mill Primary School have been built to accommodate growing numbers of pupils, set to reach 630 by 2017.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Mayor backs gift collection by staff

THE Mayor of Dudley is leading a collection of Christmas gifts at council offices in aid of Operation Santa. Dudley Council staff from offices across the borough donate to the annual collection, which is organised by Dudley Council for Voluntary Service (DCVS).

Gifts include new children's clothing, school materials, books and toys, as well as wrapping paper.

Councillor Steve Waltho, Mayor of Dudley, said: "Our staff are very generous. I hope that the collection goes on to be bigger and better than ever."

Apartments plan at old fire station

THE former Cradley Heath fire station will be converted into homes after plans were given the green light.

The building on Mace Street, which has been empty for over a year, will be turned into nine apartments after getting the go-ahead from Sandwell Council.

Ward councillor Julie Webb said the decision to revamp the station was good news.

She said: "I welcome this development. It's much needed in the area, as we need small homes for people who haven't got any children."

Prize for school support workers

THREE members of support staff in a Rowley Regis school have received prizes for their work.

Gaynor Blunn, Rachael Hughes and Charlotte Smith received recognition for the work they do in their roles of learning support staff at The Westminster School.

It was awarded through the 'Stars in Our Schools' scheme.

The scheme is a celebration of school support staff organised by the trade union Unison.

Plant sings on charity album to help refugees

BLACK Country rock star Robert Plant has recorded a cover of Elbow's The Blanket Of Night for a charity release. The Long Road compilation album is aimed at helping the refugee crisis in Europe.

The former Led Zeppelin singer, who went to school in Stourbridge, said: "We have a worldwide international catastrophe - talking about it is one thing, doing something about it is another. It's paramount we all do our best one way or another to help."

Rock cash rolls in

NEARLY £300 was raised at a rock gig last week in aid of the Mayor of Dudley's charities.

Councillor Steve Waltho was joined by four local rock bands at the River Rooms in Stourbridge for the Mayor Rocks event. A total of £290 was donated at the fundraiser.

Dirty kitchen lands boss with bill for over £2,800

THE boss of a pub kitchen has been ordered to pay costs and fines totalling almost £3,000 after a string of hygiene problems were discovered.

Stephen Hull, who ran the franchised pub kitchen at the Robin Hood Inn in Collis Street, Amblecote, pleaded guilty to six offences under the food hygiene regulations at Dudley Magistrates last week.

Dudley Council environmental health officers inspected the kitchen in June 2014 and gave it a hygiene rating of one out of five. Officers revisited the kitchen in October 2014 to check that the necessary improvements had been made and found the premises and equipment were dirty and not maintained in good condition.

Raw minced beef was stored next to ham and cheese rolls.

Walls and sockets were dirty and walls and ceilings had flaked paintwork. Refrigerators, microwaves and the cooking range were also dirty and surfaces in the refrigerator were rusty.

Staff had not been trained in food hygiene and there was no food safety management system in place.

The court heard that Hull no longer runs the kitchen franchise at the pub.

Magistrates ordered him to pay a fine of £1,800 as well as £1,068 costs and a victim surcharge of £30.

Health boss Councillor Rachel Harris said: "We will not hesitate to take action against any food business owners who do not take our advice on board and fail to meet their responsibilities."

College is set to close its campus

STUDENTS face an 18-mile trek to attend courses when a cash-strapped college shuts its construction skills campus in Brierley Hill.

Birmingham Metropolitan College has revealed plans to close the Advanced Technology Centre, at The Waterfront, when the lease ends next September. Some courses will be transferred to Stourbridge College's campus in Hagley Road as part of a £1.8m revamp. But people wishing to study courses in plastering, bricklaying and painting and decorating will have to go to its campus in Erdington.

A consultation is under way with staff but bosses stress no redundancies are planned. The move is expected to save the college £10m over the next five years.

Civic carol service held at St Mark's

THE Mayor of Dudley is inviting people to attend his civic carol service at St Mark's Church, Pensnett, tonight (Thu) from 7.30pm. Residents can join Councillor Steve Waltho for the festival of nine lessons and carols.

More than 100 sign road safety petition

MORE than 100 people have signed a petition urging that improvements are made to safety on a road outside a primary school in Amblecote.

Concerns centre on the lack of a zebra crossing or lollipop lady helping children reach Amblecote Primary School safely.

Campaigners have voiced concerns over problems with busy traffic along the A491 Amblecote High Street at its junction with Wollaston Road.

The junction near the Ruby Cantonese and Lazer Quest attraction is fraught with hazards, according to campaigners who have written to Stourbridge MP Margot James and ward councillor Simon Tyler.

Resident and parent Andrew Richards is behind the petition which has already gathered the support

of 120 people. He is asking the council to consider installing a pedestrian footbridge to put distance between traffic and people walking to the school.

The petition - posted through www.change.org - is aiming to get 200 backers in the coming days.

Fraught

Mr Richards, in a letter with the petition, said: "I'm sure any local resident will agree that trying to cross at this busy junction is fraught with hazards. It is made worse by the fact that it is all dual lane and becomes very congested at peak rush hour times."

"It is particularly difficult to cross safely from Ruby Cantonese over to the Lazer Quest side due to

traffic coming from three directions - Collis Street, Wollaston Road and the High Street - into a single lane at the point where parents and children are trying to cross on their way to or from school."

He said the lack of a pelican or zebra crossing nearby has exacerbated the problem for people reaching the school, in nearby School Drive.

Warning triangles have already been painted on the road surface to alert motorists to pedestrians crossing in the area.

Amblecote ward councillor Paul Bradley said: "I've been down to the school myself and totally agree with the signed petition. 'Improvements should definitely be made and the safety and security of school children should be paramount.'"

Force Awakens to top bumper year for cinema

DUDLEY Showcase cinema is bracing itself for its busiest weekend of the year with the release of Star Wars: The Force Awakens - the eagerly-awaited revamp of the phenomenally popular sci-fi saga.

Some devoted fans have already seen the movie, at special midnight screenings in the early hours of this morning (Thu).

The blockbuster is set to fill 3D, 2D and XPlus screens at the Castle Gate Way cinema for many days to come.

The seventh episode of the Star Wars story, which will also be shown at the Odeon Merry Hill and at screens across the Black Country and Birmingham, will reunite fans with Harrison Ford as Han Solo. It is directed by JJ Abrams, the creator of TV's Lost who also rebooted the Star Trek and Mission Impossible franchises.

Mark Barlow, general manager of UK theatres for Showcase, said: "The release of Star Wars: The Force Awakens is shaping up to be the biggest cinema event in history, not just in Dudley, but all over the UK."

"As the most anticipated film of 2015, it has overtaken pre-sales of Spectre and Fifty Shades of Grey, both of which were record-setting films upon their releases."

Demand

"The demand for the film has been unprecedented - it has seen record-setting advance sales in the UK, surpassing the pre-sales of any other film. We are encouraging our customers to secure their seats as soon as possible, either in cinema or online, for what is sure to be an unforgettable release."

"We are continuing to add more screenings to meet demand, across all formats that the film is being released in. At present there are 22 separate showing times across all formats on the first day of release alone."

But those who can't get time to see the big movie before Christmas need not despair.

"Star Wars: The Force Awakens will run well into 2016, giving people plenty of chance to see it in the New Year, whether for the first time or for repeat viewings," added Mr Barlow.

The new Star Wars epic ends a year of box office blockbusters for cinemas with 2015 seeing three of the six highest grossing films of all time released - even before The Force Awakens - with the success of Jurassic World, Fast & Furious 7 and Avengers: Age of Ultron.



Sir Lenny with MOBO founder Kanya King, mayor and mayoress Steve and Jayne Waltho, look at the slab in Buffery Park, near Lenny's childhood home

Sir Lenny has helped to pave the way

"WITHOUT Dudley there's no me" - the words of Sir Lenny Henry as he returned to his home town to unveil his latest honour.

The comedian and actor, who was knighted by the Queen at Windsor Castle this month, had a paving stone laid in his honour in Buffery Park last week.

Sir Lenny was recognised by MOBO and ITV2 with the Paving the Way award for his career achievements. Recipients of the award have a permanent slab laid in a place which played a key role in their lives.

Sir Lenny, 57, spoke of his delight at the stone being installed in the 'legendary' park. "It slightly edged the knighthood," the Comic Relief founder said. The unveiling was attended by MOBO Awards founder Kanya King MBE and Dudley mayor and mayoress Steve and Jayne Waltho.

Sir Lenny said: "Dudley is a legendary place and Buffery Park is a legend within that legend. This is where I first did Tommy Cooper for my friends, where I first did impressions and told jokes. This is where I'm from, so it's a huge honour."

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WHEN Donald Trump calls for a ban on all Muslims entering the United States, he is surfing on one of those occasional waves of paranoia that have swept America ever since it was first settled. From witches to flying saucers, via Communists, alien abductions, Freemasons, Catholics and secret brain implants (can you feel it, just under your ear?), the US seems to need occasional panics and conspiracy theories. I can't think of any explanation except that the US arms industry is enormous and every new panic surely sells more guns.



MIND you, when Trump alleges that cops are scared to enter some parts of London, the instant denial by the Metropolitan Police is unconvincing. Fact: most British towns and cities have their share of dodgy streets. I recall the Liverpool gag about a neighbourhood so tough that the police patrolled not in pairs but in threes – and that was inside the police station. This joke is at least 50 years old.

FIRST, those little peaked hats were known as Lenin caps after the leader of the Russian revolution. Then, when the Beatles adopted them, they became Lennon caps. As Britain became a member of the EU and we all got more continental, they were marketed as Breton fishermen caps. And now, favoured by the Labour Party leader, they are being sold on eBay as Corbyn caps. You can't help noticing how many men of a certain age are now wearing them. Or wondering whether they were bought in tribute to Vladimir, John, French fishermen or Jeremy.

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Hippodrome supporters will fight on

A CAMPAIGN group trying to save Dudley Hippodrome from being knocked down say they will not give up fighting while the historic landmark is still standing. Friends of Dudley Hippodrome has been given until the end of this month to put a 'realistic package' forward for taking over the building. Dudley Council wants to demolish it and replace it with a public space.

Council bosses say they want the building flattened 'at the earliest opportunity' but the Friends group are not giving up. Chairman of the Friends Gordon Downing said the group needs to find a manager willing to provide business experience and financial backing. He said: "There is always going to be a chance. We have said over and

again we are not going away regardless of what they want to do. "We felt they made up their minds five years ago but we can't understand why it's suddenly become so urgent. "Perhaps they have done it to kick us up the backside." Councilors backed the controversial demolition plans at a cabinet meeting last week.

But the controlling Labour group came under pressure from opposition councillors, who called on them to support the plan to restore the 1930s building, while the landscaping for the site of the former theatre was dubbed 'glorified pavements'. The Theatre Trust has sent a letter to the council, pleading with bosses save the Hippodrome due to its cultural significance.

Man threatened former girlfriend with a knife

By Nick Humphreys

A MAN from Brierley Hill with a 'terrible record' hit his ex-girlfriend in the face and threatened her with a kitchen knife.

Jason Plant, aged 20, who already has 22 convictions, has been given 12 months in a young offenders' institute for his latest crime.

Wolverhampton Crown Court was told that he had been offending since the age of 13.

Prosecutor Alex Warren told Wolverhampton Crown Court that Plant, of Raven Court, Brierley Hill, attacked the woman last month.

He said that the pair had had a volatile relationship and regularly argued about money and other issues.

Mr Warren said: "He lost his temper, they were rowing and he smashed a glass coffee table in the living room. He then went to the kitchen and picked up a knife before holding it up to her face.

Punched

"He was verbally abusive and threatening her. She went outside and he followed her. Police were called by her but when he found out she had called them, he punched her on the left side of the cheek."

Plant had previously admitted actual bodily harm and criminal damage at Warley Magistrates Court.

Defence barrister Stephen Hamblett said Plant had a problem controlling his anger, and asked Judge James Bearbridge to consider that Plant has spent a large portion of his childhood in care.

He said: "He is a young man with a terrible record of convictions for someone of his age. He was in the care system from the age of 12 and has been offending since the age of 13. He has had a difficult upbringing and has an issue with his temper."

He added that Plant was seeking help. Judge Bearbridge told Plant: "Your record shows that while you may be 20, you still have a lot of growing up to do."

Arthur takes 105th birthday in his stride



Arthur Laycock blows out birthday candles with care staff Tracey McGarrick, Rebecca Lindsey and Samantha Yates

HE has lived through two world wars and clocked up 30 years in the police force, and now Arthur Laycock has celebrated his 105th birthday at the care home where he lives in Kingswinford.

Originally from Manchester, Mr Laycock worked as a salesman before moving to the Midlands to begin his career with Staffordshire Police force in 1936. He ended up reaching the rank of chief inspector and retired at the youthful age of 56 in 1966.

Before becoming a bobby on the beat, he was an avid member of Lancashire Walking Club and travelled all over the country and abroad to take part in hikes, such as from Manchester to Blackpool.

He maintains to this day that his early days of staying

fit and healthy have helped him reach his 105th birthday.

He was married to Hilda Marie from 1939 until she died in 2004, aged 90 and he lived on his own until July this year when after a fall he moved to Wyncroft House in Kingswinford.

His daughter, Cynthia Trotman, said it was a proud day when her father reached his milestone birthday.

Mrs Trotman, aged 70 of Oakham, Dudley, said: "It's great to be celebrating this birthday with dad and it's amazing to see that he's still as sharp as a tack. He's a great man who's always been very patient and caring."

"He didn't smoke or drink and thinks it played a massive part in surpassing 100."

Safety first advice for Christmas party-goers

PARTY-GOERS are being urged to make sure they stay safe during the festive period.

Safe and Sound, Dudley's community safety partnership campaign, wants people to make sure they get home safely after a night out of celebrations.

The partnership is warning people not to drink and drive or take drugs and drive and is also encouraging the use of public transport.

or groups of friends could have a designated driver who will stay on the road.

The campaign is highlighting the need for people who are planning to get home in a taxi to ensure that it is licensed, particularly as unlicensed vehicles are not insured to carry passengers.

Councillor Gaye Partridge, Dudley Council's cabinet member responsible for community safety, said: "It's really important everyone follows these simple steps and plans their journey home."

She added: "Often after having a good night and a few drinks people don't put enough importance on ensuring they get home safely."

"We want people to enjoy the festive period and these easy tips could make all the difference."

Revellers are also encouraged to travel with friends, make sure their mobile phone is fully charged and to ensure they have enough cash leftover to pay for their journey home.

Country park is being revamped

RESURFACING work at a Black Country beauty spot is almost complete.

Over the last two weeks a digger has been in use at Baggeridge Country Park, Sedgley, carrying out works on paths and areas of grassland at the former coal mining site.

Walking trails around the park have been resurfaced, while the topsoil on the Gospel End common has been scraped off to rid the area of scrub and bramble, to encourage heather to grow.

Reeds have also been planted in the Island pool to reduce pollutants.

There are four trails around the park, two fishing pools, a miniature railway, tea shop, play area, a garden and camping area.

Families invited to a free festive party

DUDLEY Community Church is holding a free Christmas party tomorrow (Fri) for local families. The event is from 6pm to 8pm in the Aberley Street Centre in the town centre. There will be a puppet show and prize for best Christmas costume.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Former Wolves doctor dies, 84

A GP from Hartlebury who worked at Wolves for 12 years has died, aged 84. Dr Bill Tweddell was Wolves' official club doctor from 1982 to 1994, as well as a loyal supporter of the club. The father-of-five also worked at the Rangeways Road surgery in Kingswinford for many years.

His wife Jennifer said: "He was very well liked and respected."

Dr Tweddell was a member of Stourbridge Golf Club and his father, a doctor called Bill, captained Britain's Walker Cup team in 1928 and 1936.

Second group is to tackle yobs

A SECOND team of volunteers has been assembled to tackle anti-social behaviour in Wordsley.

The Street Watch scheme started after meetings with UKIP councillor Paul Brothwood, residents from the High Acres estate and the police.

The first group was formed in late October with an assembled team of community volunteers, who aim to patrol the streets and help keep anti-social behaviour at bay.

Kerry Lewis, the group's co-ordinator said: "The group has already been out across the estate."

Another final for popular ale club

KINVER Constitutional Club, a former winner, is once again in the final of the Campaign for Real Ale's national club of the year.

The High Street club, founded in 1902, is one of four finalists.

It is up against The Albatross RAFA Club in Bexhill-on-Sea, the Cheltenham Motor Club and the Orpington Liberal Club. The four finalists will wait until spring to discover which will be named winner. Kinver won in 2011.

Dungeons and Dragons fantasy party at library

THE newly-formed Dudley Dungeons group is inviting people to join in a Dungeons and Dragons party this weekend.

The event is aimed at fans of the fantasy role-playing game, aimed at those from the age of 10-years and up, being held in Dudley Library in St James's Road on Sunday from 11am to 12 noon.

Anyone interested in joining the group can contact library staff on (01384) 815560.

Grease is the word

A BLACK Country amateur operatic society is to perform the popular rock 'n' roll musical Grease in the new year. TAB Operatic will be staging the show at Brierley Hill Civic Hall from March 15 to 19. Tickets, costing £11 and £14, are already available by calling on 07722 417962.

Officers are praised for protection of women

POLICE in the West Midlands have been praised for the way they deal with brutal crimes against women.

Watchdog HM Inspectorate of Constabulary found West Midlands Police is one of only three forces across the country prepared in all areas for dealing with victims of forced marriage, honour-based violence and cases of female genital mutilation.

Leadership and victim care were among the areas scrutinised by the independent body on the often hidden and under-reported crimes. The in-depth report also identified the region as having the highest number of cases outside London.

Superintendent Angie Whitaker, of West Midlands Police, is the lead for preventing and investigating these crimes. She said: "While we are pleased our hard work alongside community groups and support agencies has been recognised, there is much more for us to do."

"We are not complacent and acknowledge forced marriages, honour-based violence and female genital mutilation are often hidden and under-reported crimes."

As well as high levels of staff awareness and victim care, West Midlands Police's publicity campaign was also highlighted as an area of strength.

Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner Yvonne Mosquito said: "The way to tackle hidden crimes is to bring them out into the open and that is what West Midlands Police is doing. We aren't complacent and will continue to work hard to protect people."

Man in court over death on road

A MAN has appeared in court over the death of a motorcyclist in Brierley Hill.

Christian Hugh Davies – known as Hugh to his friends – was declared dead at the scene following the crash in Pedmore Road on June 30.

The nurse, aged 50, of Martindale Walk, Amblescote, had been on his way to work at Russells Hall Hospital riding on his Honda CBR motorbike.

Alan Holloway, of Adelaide Street, Brierley Hill, is charged with causing death by careless or inconsiderate driving. The 57-year-old did not enter a plea when he appeared at Dudley Magistrates Court last week. He was bailed to appear at Wolverhampton Crown Court on January 6 for a plea and case management hearing.

Sherlock's last case on screen

A MOVIE about the last case for the Great Detective, Mr Holmes (PG), will be the movie matinee at Stourbridge Town Hall on Monday. The film, starring Ian McKellen, is screened at 1.30pm and tickets are £4.50.

New owners spend £2m on care home



Home now called Prestwood Lodge

A CARE home which closed, forcing 25 residents to find alternative accommodation, has reopened after being bought by a new owner.

The Homestead, near Stourbridge, closed in November 2014 after administrators were called in, resulting in the loss of 21 jobs. A further 15 staff at the home in Prestwood had left ahead of the home closure.

Families of residents, aged up to 96, were given just weeks to find them somewhere else to live.

A year on, the home has now been taken over by Completelink and has

reopened after undergoing a £2 million refurbishment. New residents have already begun moving in.

Now called Prestwood Lodge, the home has room for 30 residents and has created 30 jobs.

Stourbridge councillor Nicholas Barlow said: "I'm just very pleased it has been taken over and they have got it up and running again relatively quickly. They have done extensive work to it. It's good to see it back."

The care home was originally forced to close after its managing company Elysian Care Ltd went into admin-

istration. Elysian Care Ltd also ran Knoll House in The Avenue in Penn, Wolverhampton.

Completelink owns other care homes on the Prestwood estate and director Rob Hunter said it made sense to take over the former Homestead.

The company was able to take on some of the staff who were made redundant.

Mr Hunter said: "The refurbishment has taken place and we opened last week. The first residents have moved in."

Police welcome prison sentence for taxi driver

POLICE have welcomed the jailing of a taxi driver who took speeding points on a bogus driving licence.

Afra Sihab, of Apollo Road, Wollescote, was sent to prison for eight months at Wolverhampton Crown Court.

Sihab had told the authorities he had not been driving his hackney carriage when it was caught speeding on two separate occasions. Fearing he could be disqualified, he claimed the driver had been a Mohammed Afra Sihab and used a fake driving licence in the same name to accumulate speeding points.

Officers said the deception was uncovered following a routine taxi enforcement operation.

Pc Jason Dooley, from the Camera Enforcement Unit at West Midlands Police, said: "Sihab had applied for a driving licence using a different name and date of birth and then a few years later he applied for another licence which he used for his taxi licence."

"A routine check on his car unravelled a web of lies and deceit and when we visited his address we found that someone had tried to destroy documentation. We were able to save the torn documents and were able to use this to build a case against him."

Criminal

Pc Dooley added: "Sihab didn't want to take the speeding fines as he was a taxi driver and he may have thought this would affect his licence but what he did was criminal and now he has lost his livelihood and his liberty."

The 53-year-old had been pulled over by an officer on June 20 and checks revealed that Sihab had been suspended from operating a taxi a few months earlier.

Following a search of his vehicle a driving licence relating to another man was found, with Sihab claiming he was holding it for a friend. When the officer investigated further it was revealed that Sihab had applied for a driving licence using a different name and date of birth.

In 2009 and 2012 Sihab's taxi had been caught speeding in Stourbridge and Halesowen and he had completed his prosecution form using the fake licence.

He was jailed and disqualified from driving for 12 months having admitted two counts of perverting the course of justice. The father of four was also ordered to pay £400 costs.

Miss Alisha Harris, defending, said: "He is frankly mortified at what he has done and his family are ashamed."

Life-saver is honoured with medal



St John Ambulance volunteer Hazel Knowles at home in Halesowen with her British Empire Medal

A COMMUNITY volunteer in the Black Country who has played a vital role in helping to save lives for more than 50 years has been awarded a British Empire Medal.

Hazel Knowles, from Halesowen, has been recognised for her decades of service with St John Ambulance as well as her many other acts of kindness in the community.

Mrs Knowles joined the service 55 years ago and has been in in

action many times, providing crucial first aid at the scene of accidents as well as tending to people suffering from health scares.

She has also taught many others crucial life-saving skills over the years.

The 77-year-old grandmother was presented with her medal at St John's Church in Halesowen at a ceremony attended by family, friends and colleagues.

Mrs Knowles said: "I am highly

honoured and quite overwhelmed by the whole thing."

"If you know first aid you can save somebody's life. If there is an accident and you have got first aid around, it is worth its weight in gold. I enjoy helping people, that's what we were put on this earth for. It has been a large part of my life for a long time."

Mrs Knowles has also helped to raise money to rebuild the St John Ambulance HQ in Brierley Hill.

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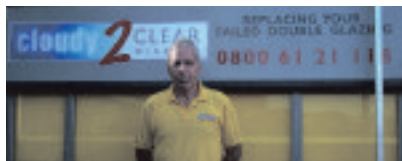
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IN MY VIEW

with Mark Andrews



Priorities all wrong on Gazza allegation

TWENTY-FIVE years ago, when Gazzamania was at its height, it felt like I was the only person in the country who wondered what all the fuss was about.

Yes, there was the occasional flash of brilliance, those electrifying mazy runs that would leave defenders bamboozled, but it always seemed to me he was more famous for crying, belching, and generally making a fool of himself than for anything he achieved on the pitch.

Now, as he approaches his 50th birthday, the former midfielder shows few signs of maturing.

His battles with the bottle and bizarre behaviour have been well documented, and last month he stunned the audience at Wolverhampton Civic Hall with a stupid comment about not being able to tell whether a black security guard was smiling or not.

Funny? Not remotely. Offensive? Certainly. The man is clearly an imbecile. And if I were the security guard in question, I would feel entitled to question my employers about whether this idiot should be allowed to perform at the Civic again.

Inquiry

What I do not understand, though, is how an unfunny and offensive joke from a man who is clearly not the sharpest tool in the box has become a police matter.

West Midlands Police says it has received a report of a "hate crime", has taken a statement from the victim and an inquiry is ongoing.

But crude and objectionable though the comment was, I doubt very much whether there was any hatred in Gazza's words, let alone a crime.

I would also be very surprised if the complainant was the security guard himself, who I suspect is made of sterner stuff.

More likely, I imagine, it will have come from one of those thin-skinned activists who is always first to take offence on somebody else's behalf, and spends most of their spare time urging people to sign petitions on Facebook.

Maybe it is unfair to blame the police for investigating the alleged "hate crime". If they ignored it, the Guardian readers would have had a field day. And of course, there may be more to the story than meets the eye.

On the other hand HM Inspectorate of Constabulary has just panned West Midlands Police, saying the force is failing to protect children from abuse and failing to carry out basic checks on sex offenders. You may also recall that earlier this year, head of the National Police Chief's Council Sara Thornton said that burglary victims may not always be visited at home as police prioritise other crimes, saying that officers need to shift their focus away from "traditional" offences.

Well call me a "traditionalist" if you like, but I think somebody might have their priorities wrong here.



Joel Richards, who was also named as Referee of the Year



Councillor Darren Cooper attends the official opening



Owen and Suzy Richards on the badminton court in the hall

Sports hall honour for family hit by tragedy

Emotions ran high as a sports hall was officially opened in memory of Joel Richards.

DAVID COSGROVE reports

"I WISH Joel had been a Premier League referee and he was here unveiling his own plaque for his own merits - not having to do it like this."

The heartbreaking words of the mother of Tunisia terror victim Joel Richards as a sports hall in his home town was named after him.

The Joel Richards Sports Hall was unveiled by his younger brother Owen at the official opening of Wednesbury Leisure Centre last Wednesday.

Joel, aged 19, was murdered in the terror attack in Sousse in June, alongside his uncle Adrian Evans, of Bilston, and grandfather Patrick Evans - while Owen survived.

The boys' mother Suzy said the loss of three members of a close-knit family group had left 'a big void', but 16-year-old Owen has been a rock.

Suzy, 46, said: "I'm unbelievably proud but also very emotional."

Shining

"There were lots of tears because it's so sad that this had to happen."

"It was heartbreaking for me, my mum and Owen and there's a big void in our lives now."

"We went from a family of six to a family of three within 24 hours."

She added: "For Owen especially it's so difficult to have to deal with such a big loss at such a young age."

"He is a product of my dad [Patrick], my brother [Adrian] and Joel as they invested so much time in him and that's shining through now."

"Owen has saved us."

"The three of us all work together."

"He's grown up a lot and now he knows what's important in life."



Owen Richards and The Mayor of Sandwell Barbra Price officially open the sports hall

"What happened puts things into perspective."

Owen unveiled the plaque at a ceremony yesterday then headed into the sparkling new sports hall to have a quick session trying out the badminton and table tennis facilities with his school friends.

The teenager has shown courage and inner strength beyond his years to deal with the aftermath of the tragedy.

Suzy said he takes after his older brother - who was on course to become a Premier League referee - and is now looking to follow the same career.

Although he only lived to 19, his mother said Joel 'achieved more than some people do in their whole lives'.

Saddlers fan Joel, a former pupil at the town's Stuart Bathurst and Wood Green schools, was a keen sportsman and promising

football referee. "He brought the best out of everybody," Suzy said.

"Joel was just so kind and had a great character."

"Owen is immensely proud of his brother and is now hoping to take refereeing up himself."

Six months on from the tragedy, the emotional scars still run deep for Suzy, her mother Maureen and Owen.

Emotional

But sticking together has helped them come through.

Owen, who turned 16 just a month before the attack, has started sixth form at Stuart Bathurst RC High School and College in Wednesbury.

He is studying PE, maths and biology at A-level. "We're still feeling it really hard,"



Owen, left, with his uncle, grandfather and Joel

Suzy said. "The tributes are lovely but it's very emotional and there's a big void."

"We are all staying strong for Owen."

"My motto is 'if Owen can do it, then we can'."

"Getting through each day isn't easy."

Emotional Sandwell Council leader Darren Cooper said: "None of us need to be reminded of the dreadful events that took place earlier this year in Tunisia."

"As a council we took the decision to name the sports hall after Joel Richards."

"No-one can underestimate the feeling across Sandwell about the tragic news about these people who were so brutally murdered on holiday in Tunisia."

"We wanted to name this new sports hall after Joel because we knew he was a keen sports enthusiast, so as a council we talked to the family and decided we would do it."

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Remembering Charlie's cartoon legacy

I WAS honoured recently to talk to Steve Grigg on the show I host for Black Country Radio. I knew Steve from school and probably was unaware at the time the immense contribution his father Chaz (Charlie) made to our lives.

Through the course of the brief hour we had chatting on the Omna n Chain Steve outlined how his father followed a dream from working in Oldbury to drawing such characters as Korky the Cat and Desperate Dan, iconic figures in the comics most kids would fetch from the paper shop on a Saturday.

There were numerous others and saucy postcards, you would get by him, from any trip to the seaside. As the conversation progressed it became obvious just how important this man was to the social culture of a generation and how in some way locally this should be recognised. Steve has so much material that his dad created it shouts out to be part of an exhibition, a publication of some kind. Even more than these ideas, which in effect I would love to be involved in is a more permanent marker of the man's work in either Oldbury or Langley.

I attended the unveiling of the Jack Judge plaque in Oldbury and to me Charlie Grigg stands on the same level. I'm not sure how far raising awareness of this man's work can go. I am now looking at some of the material myself and the story is one of determination and endeavour to enter a world far removed from his work in Oldbury. I hope people read this and pick up the initiative to use social media to raise awareness of this man's contribution to our lives.

DR BRIAN DAKIN
(AKA Billy Spake Mon), Tividale

Show of support for the hospice

COSELEY Support Group for Compton Hospice under the leadership of Iris Gumble (Chairperson) and the Committee have once again raised a magnificent sum for the Hospice.

On November 20 at Brook Street Community Centre in Tipton, an entertainment show was held. The entertainment included a group, Out of the Shadows, who were fantastic, and brilliant comedian Dougie Parker.

On the night a cheque for a £7,000 was presented to a doctor representing the Hospice. A special presentation of a framed certificate was made to Michael F Sampson, who personally raised £1,400 over the year by donating to Coseley Support Group, all his fees for a variety of talks he gives.

Once again a lot of credit for organising the show must go to the hard working Keith Whitehouse, who goes to great lengths to make sure the show is a success.

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Time to get tougher over deaths on roads

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Anyone using it as such or not taking the consequences of their actions should be treated the same as using any weapon used to take a life.

The Government promised a life sentence would be life, the usual now seems to be a maximum of eighteen years halved for good behaviour.

N D CADDICK
Coseley

Today it's 'our will be done'

I THOUGHT I lived in a Christian country, well I did as a child.

Most people went to church on Sundays and children went to Sunday School because it was the Lord's day of rest.

Now our God hardly exists anymore, taken over by Sunday shopping, football, car boot sales, etc — no time to pray and ask God to guide and protect us from the evil we see around today.

A lot of children are not taught the Lord's Prayer, maybe their parents don't know it? How times have changed. We were taught it at school.

I'm coming into my 96th year and what a change I have seen over the years. It's from 'Thy will be done' to our will be done, and the latest news, trying to stop the Lord's Prayer in case it offends other religions.

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Family pet dog shot dead just weeks after son dies

WHEN Sarah Beck's son Lincoln died aged just seven the family were heartbroken.

But at least the the dog he doted on was one of many ways to keep his memory alive. Instead, just a few weeks after the tragedy, the beautiful husky has been shot dead within yards of the family home by a farmer who says it was chasing his sheep.

Devastated Sarah, 29, says the Siberian husky had been a sentimental link with her son, who suffered from cerebral palsy. Farmer John Beattie says the dog was worrying his sheep.

Major venue is closing for a £10m revamp

ONE of the Black Country's top venues, the Civic halls in Wolverhampton, will host a final event on Monday before closing for a £10 million overhaul in the new year that is anticipated to take 18 months.

A Night With Ricky Hatton will be the last show with staff moving out of the Civic and Wulfrun by January 4. Work will then get under way to increase the capacity for each venue.

The main Civic Hall will be given a second balcony, while the Wulfrun will also get a balcony. Access for disabled visitors will be upgraded.

There will be a phased reopening and it has already been confirmed the venues will temporarily reopen for the Grand Slam of Darts in November.

The final events include Ned's Atomic Dustbin on Saturday and a concert by Punjabi folk artist Hans Raj Hans on Sunday before Mancunian boxer Hatton talks about his life. Events will continue to be held at The Slade Rooms in Broad Street.

Pictures of the dead animal posted on her Facebook page have caused an online backlash against the shooting.

Ms Beck lives in Enville with her children Ivy, five, two-year-old Theodore and until recently, Lincoln, who died at home on October 25 aged just seven from pneumonia as a result of his condition.

She said: "Lincoln loved the way Nico would nuzzle him and put her head on his lap. Lincoln adored her. Since his death she's been like a comfort blanket for me. To lose my son and then face this, I feel full of despair."

The shooting took place shortly after noon on December 1. Ms Beck said the dog had accidentally slipped her lead and ran off in the direction of Mr Beattie's field. Within seconds she heard two shots and arrived to find Nico lifeless on the ground.

Mr Beattie, who has farmed at Enville for more than 40 years, rang the police to alert them to what had happened. He said: "Nobody wants to kill a dog, I've got dogs of my own, but Sarah's had been in the field four times previously and on one occasion had killed one of my sheep. I don't think she let the dog off the lead deliberately but it was not responsive to her."

Staffordshire Police confirmed they were called to the incident but were taking no further action.

Richardsons backing £430m hospital



An artist's impression of the massive Midland Metropolitan Hospital that is going to be built in Smethwick

A NEW super hospital for the Black Country will be built backed by money from the region's most famous property developers – the Richardsons.

Twins Roy and Don built the Merry Hill shopping centre in the 1980s. Don died in 2007 and Roy, at 85, now takes a back seat but his sons – Carl, Lee and Martyn – continue to build Oldbury-based Richardsons Capital.

The family has now taken part in a joint venture with Wolverhampton-based Carillion to build the Midland Metropolitan Hospital in

Smethwick, which will cost more than £430 million.

It will see Richardsons investing £12m in the project, alongside £16m from Carillion and £3m from the Treasury under the first of a new generation of public-private partnership deals, dubbed PF2.

The joint venture was chosen in August by the Sandwell & West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust as the preferred bidder to deliver the project, and on Friday all the project and financing agreements were signed.

Richardsons and Carillion have worked together on a number of previous projects, such as the Freeman's Reach development in Durham city centre and the £75m St Martin's Quarter in Worcester. But Mark Morgan, the head of property for Richardsons Capital, said the latest project is one close to the family's heart.

He added: "There was a wish from the family to support the local community. I think those local links were one of the reasons why we were chosen for the project."

Former Wolves striker jailed over cocaine

A DISGRACED former Wolves striker has been jailed for more than four years for dealing cocaine.

Chris Cornes, aged 28, was caught with 0.5kg of high-purity cocaine in a car and had almost £38,000 in cash when he was arrested by police in his home city of Worcester on May 13.

At Gloucester Crown Court last week Cornes, of Bromyard Road, Worcester, admitted possessing cocaine with intent to supply and being in possession of criminal property. He was jailed for four years and four months.

Marcus Henney, 45, of Sunnyside Road, Worcester, also admitted possession with intent to supply and was jailed for three years.

Cornes started his football career at Wolves as a trainee and went on to play for Port Vale, Milton Keynes Dons, Worcester City, AFC Telford United, Bromsgrove Rovers, Stourport Swifts, Evesham United, Malvern Town and Littleton.

At one stage during his Wolves career he was suspended for six months after testing positive for cocaine.

Judge Michael Cullum, passing sentence, said: "Cornes, you were effectively directing operations and Hanney was your right-hand man."

"The drugs seized from you would no doubt have gone out into the local area to cause more misery."

Social group for the retired visited by MP

MEMBERS of a social group have welcomed a MP to its latest meeting to see their work.

Halesowen and Rowley Regis MP James Morris recently visited University of the Third Age's exhibition in Halesowen Library. Group members are holding an exhibition at the library, in the Cornbow Centre, to draw attention to the activities it offers. U3A is an educational and social organisation for retired people.

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Fire-hit car firm has risen from the ashes

A SPORTS car repair firm hit by a blaze which destroyed its workshop and 10 luxury cars is up and running again from a new base.

The previous premises of The Central Sports Cars base at the Dadsford Bridge Industrial Estate in Plant Street, Wordsley, is set to be demolished following the devastating fire.

But bosses say they are relieved they have been able to bounce back and carry on with their business new premises in Ham Lane, Kingswinford.

Ten cars worth thousands of pounds, including Porsches and TVRs, were destroyed in the huge fire in September. Only the charred shells of the cars remained with the rest of the workshop reduced to twisted metal.

At the time of the blaze staff were able to save eight other vehicles which were parked just outside the scene of the fire.

Ferocious

Company owner Adrian Windridge, who was based at the Wordsley unit for 10 years, said he was sad to see their former premises go but pleased that they were now successfully set up again nearby.

"There was no doubt that it was a horrendous and very ferocious blaze but our customers' cars were covered by the insurance," he said.

"It would have taken us too long to rebuild the premises if we had stayed there, so we made the decision to move. We were lucky that we still had equipment and that our customers were paid off."

"We have had to start out again from scratch and we lost a month of business but nobody was hurt in the blaze, that was the most important thing."



Central TVR owners Adrian and Vanessa Windridge with staff.. (17140780)



The charred remains of vehicles after the fire at Central Sports Cars

"Our Ham Lane premises are a lot bigger and we are doing well so far," he added.

The firm employ five full-time and two part-time staff.

Mr Windridge's wife Vanessa is a receptionist at the firm.

Around 30 firefighters were involved in tackling the fire, with eight fire engines and a hydraulic platform

involved. Crews had to withdraw from the building for safety reasons after the fire spread to the roof.

Plant Street was closed off between Mill Street and High Street for hours.

A statement on the company website praises the fire brigade, adding: "We could have given up, said 'that's it - we quit', but TVR people just aren't like that."

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The cast of Hairspray are in action at the New Alexandra Theatre in Birmingham during the festive season

Hairspray, New Alexandra Theatre, Birmingham

THE musical with big hair and even bigger heart, Hairspray, is back in a joyous new production that is providing the alternative to panto in Brum this festive season.

However, that doesn't mean it hasn't got a dame. Indeed, it has a hefty helping of man in drag with Tony Maudsley (best known as hairdresser Kenneth in Benidorm) as a gruff-voiced Edna Turnblad, a role made famous by Divine and then John Travolta in film and Michael Ball in the West End.

She's the formidable mother of Tracy Turnblad, the beehived high school teen who takes it on herself to integrate TV's Corny Collins dance show in 1962 Baltimore so black and white youngsters can dance together.

The civil rights message is contained within the wittiest and warmest Broadway musical of the past 15

REVIEW BY LEON BURAKOWSKI

years and it's good to have Hairspray back, even though it's only been two years since it's last UK tour. That featured Freya Sutton as the irrepressible, all-singing, all-dancing Tracy, and she's back to reprise her dynamic performance.

The new production is enhanced with better sets including some nice attention to details, like the genuine 60s US ads that play on monitors during the interval. There is fine support from West End stalwart Claire Sweeney as the venomous Velma Von Tussle and Dex Lee as the slick, soulful Seaweed. Pint-sized dynamo Karis Jack has all the right moves as Little Inez, Seaweed's sister; Monique Young is a gem as Tracy's awkward best friend Penny; and Ashley Gilmour sets hearts a-flutter as teen idol Link.

Former Blue Peter presenter Peter Duncan is a revelation, showing that he is a real showman and entertainer in the role of Edna's husband Wilbur. Their funny and sentimental duet You're Timeless To Me was a highlight, as was former X Factor finalist Brenda Edwards delivering a truly soul-stirring performance of gospel number I Know Where I've Been as the big, blonde and beautiful Motor-mouth Maybelle.

The only minor quibble on Monday night was that some of Scott Whittman and Marc Shaiman's amusing lyrics were lost in the sound mix, though it was good to have a live band at the back of the stage.

This production of Hairspray is a toe-tapping, finger-snapping hoot that got a standing ovation from a delighted audience... you can't stop the beat, at least not until it ends its run at the Alex on January 2.

Stereophonics are rock solid

GIG REVIEW

by Leon Burakowski

Stereophonics, Genting Arena THE day after sharing the NEC stage with mega stars at the BBC Music Awards, rockers Stereophonics were back in the spotlights at the Genting Arena.

This time it was in front of thousands of fans who had come purely to see them and enjoy probably the best, down-to-earth no nonsense melodic rock band on the live circuit.

This was a special night for the five-piece built around the Welsh core of guitarist and singer Kelly Jones, with his inimitable sandpaper and velvet vocals, and bassist Richard Jones, who looks like a throwback to the rockabilly era. It was a gig sandwiched between adding rock muscle to the BBC show and a triumphant homecoming at Cardiff on Saturday night.

For Kelly, in his usual jeans and leather bomber jacket, it was extra special because in the days when Cardiff lacked a big venue the NEC was where he saw his rock heroes, such as AC/DC. He recalled an Aerosmith concert when he was "just two rows from the (expletive) back". Kelly praised Brum's rock pedigree, Led Zeppelin and Black Sabbath, and remembered Birmingham gigs at small venues such as Moseley's Jug of Ale.

Stereophonics have released nine albums in 19 years. It was the early albums and two latest, Graffiti On The Train and Keep The Village Alive, that provided the sources for this 26-song, two and quarter hour gig.

They were out of the blocks at top speed with exhilarating rocker C'est La Vie from Keep The Village Alive and kept up the momentum with I



Stereophonics played for more than two hours at the Genting Arena, Birmingham

Wanna Get Lost With You, Superman, Vegas Two Times, More Life In A Tramp's Vest and Have A Nice Day.

The band, completed by Birmingham guitarist Adam Zindani, drummer Jamie Morrison and keyboardist Tony Kirkham, were joined by violinists and a cellist which added lush, epic dimension to Indian Summer, Graffiti On The Train, Roll The Dice, Violins and Tambourines, and their hit cover of Handbags and Gladrags. The latter was written by Manfred Mann's Mike D'Abo who Kelly revealed had thanked

him after their cover version paid for his conservatory.

That honey and whisky voice of Kelly Jones, the major reason why Stereophonics have as many female as male fans, was showcased by his acoustic version of Traffic and, at the piano, the raw Sunny from the new album. After Local Boy In The Photograph, the band returned for four encores including their anthem Maybe Tomorrow and biggest hit Dakota.

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£565,000 earmarked for Merry Hill lights

A £565,000 scheme to improve congestion around Merry Hill by upgrading traffic lights at various points along a main route nearby has been revealed.

An overhaul of the lights next to the popular shopping venue has been unveiled by Dudley Council bosses, in an effort to cut down on congestion.

Any problems with the ageing traffic signals can lead to massive tailbacks on the roads network around Merry Hill.

Council chiefs have successfully applied to Centro for £455,000 from its Better Bus Area Fund cash pot. The cash-strapped authority will add £110,000 from its own coffers to complete the works, if the scheme is given the green light at a meeting on Monday.

Busy

Councillor Hilary Bills, cabinet member for environmental services, said: "It's really busy down there. Those traffic lights need to be kept working at all times. "They need to be replaced just because of sheer age. "The number of times they break down and need to be replaced is getting too much.

By David Cosgrove

"They're a very important set of traffic lights so we've got to maintain them as best we can. They were the next on the list of lights needing to be done.

"We saw an opportunity for some funding, bid for it and got it."

The traffic signals to be improved or upgraded include those at the A4036 Merry Hill's junction with The Boulevard and Coppice Lane, the A4036 Merry Hill's junction with Mount Pleasant, High St and Quarry Bank, and the A4036 Merry Hill pedestrian crossing.

A report issued by the authority states: "The scheme will improve the efficient operation of the traffic signals for the benefit of both general traffic and buses."

Tributes to respected property lawyer, 60



Property lawyer Martyn Morgan has died aged 60

ONE of the Black Country's most respected lawyers has died after a stroke. Tributes have been paid to Stourbridge-born Martyn Morgan, who headed QualitySolicitors Talbots in Wolverhampton.

He died aged 60 at the Worcestershire Royal Hospital and leaves behind his wife Mary and five children.

The residential property specialist was a popular figure and renowned among his colleagues for commitment to his work and his sense of humour. Mr Morgan, a former student at King Edward VI Grammar School, had just overseen the George Street company's best ever year in business, achieving £8 million of annual fees, and becoming one of the top 20 conveyancing firms in the UK.

Rachel Pardoe, practice director, said: "Everyone is shocked and naturally saddened by Martyn's sudden passing and our thoughts are with Mary and their children. He was the heartbeat of the business and wasn't afraid to try new ideas and innovate the way we did things in what is still a very traditional sector. Despite his immense workload he would always make time for people and, more times than not, his larger-than-life character would brighten up the day with one of his witty jokes.

"He always believed that local people and businesses shouldn't have to travel to the big cities and pay extortionate fees to get the right legal advice."

Mr Morgan took over Quality Solicitors in 1991 when the practice had only a handful of staff. The company now has 190 employees and seven offices.

Mr Morgan was a massive fan of Aston Villa football club and enjoyed keeping fit, taking part in both the London and New York marathons.



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MyTime Over Fifties

A LARGE group attended the November meeting. Arthur Aston gave a talk entitled 'The Town That Died'. In 1917, during the First World War, Halifax, having a huge ice free harbour was used as a marshalling area for Trans-Atlantic convoys of ships, laden with goods being transported to Europe. French ship Mont Blanc had sailed to Halifax to join a convoy. It was loaded with TNT, Picric acid, gun cotton and benzol fuel on the decks, a total of 3,000 tons of explosives. To enter the harbour of Bedford Bay, the ship had to sail through an area known as the Narrows. On December 6, as Mont Blanc moved in the correct right hand lane, moving fast out of Bedford Bay was Norwegian ship Imo. It was passing to the left but was too far over, putting itself in the path of Mont Blanc. The ships collided and sparks flew, lighting the benzol. For about 20 minutes the Mont Blanc burned. The crew and captain abandoned ship and rowed for the Dartmouth side of Narrows but were unable to raise the alarm. Mont Blanc drifted to the other side of the Narrows, coming against the wooden pier in a busy residential area with shops and a large sugar refinery. It exploded. Richmond was swept by a tsunami and what was left, burned. The seven-storey high sugar refinery came down killing the day shift. More than 3,000 died, with 9,000 injured and half of the population made homeless.

Club gets a taste of cupcake decoration



Jill Turley, Angela Hanbury and Sue Windmill at the Victorian Christmas market

THE club's third meeting took place on November 19 and once again there was a remarkable turnout. Some 43 Ladies turned up for a cupcake decorating demonstration by the lovely Sue Easton. This was a great success and the cakes

Gornal Townswomen

tasted wonderful. On November 28, the Ladies went on a trip to Worcester Victorian Christmas market. Despite the rainy weather a good time was had by all.

A grave subject from speaker

CHAIRMAN Pauline Roberts opened the November meeting, welcoming everyone and a visitor who had joined us. There were eight apologies from members. President Margaret Fennell, had entered the guild's national scrabble competition and was runner-up. She achieved the highest score

Oldswinford TWG

in one round of the competition and received a certificate for this. The speaker was Ian Bott with a topic of 'A Grave Subject', taking members on a journey around Black Country graveyards. Joyce Coggins gave a vote

of thanks. The competition was 'An Amusing Epitaph', won by Pauline Roberts. There were four raffle prizes, won by Yvonne Maddox, Susan Neale, Margaret Howard and Dorothy Trice. The next open meeting will be on January 19 and the speaker Sandy Cale on 'Elegant Georgian Worcester'.

Fans gets claws into kit of footie legend The Cat

THEY were worn for England by one of the region's most decorated football stars more than half a century ago, and now they have changed hands for hundreds of pounds. Kit worn by Wolves legend and England goalkeeper Bert Williams, who died last year, aged 93, has gone under the hammer in Ludlow, giving fans of footballing heritage the chance to snap up a piece of history. Williams, who was nicknamed 'The Cat' in his playing days because of his amazing agility and reflexes, spent most of his playing career at Wolverhampton Wanderers where he won the League Championship and FA Cup. Moth-eaten His 20-year career saw him turn out 420 times for Wolves and 24 times for England, playing in the World Cup in 1950. He lived for many years in Shifnal. At the time of his death in January 2014 he was the oldest living England international. At a football and rugby memorabilia auction at Ludlow Racecourse bidders went head-to-head to bag his match-worn garments, including two iconic inter-league yellow goalkeeper's jerseys. One, full of holes, was from 1949/1950, with a Scottish FL Match badge, fetched roughly what was expected at £190. Speaking during the auction, Ben Jones, consultant at the Church Stretton-based auctioneers Mullock's, holding the sale, said it was a little moth-eaten. "That's why it's slightly lower priced than perhaps it would be - but we have got a couple of guys online



Clothes worn by the football star



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International shirt badge stating 'Germany 1954' was sold for £180

who are keen on this," he said. But the other yellow jersey, with a 'Danish match 1953 The Football League' badge complete with England's three lions, went for £480 - about £200 more than expected. Meanwhile an outfield England jersey of Williams' worn in several internationals, went for £300. Finally, an international shirt badge from 1954 stating 'Germany 1954' which was removed from the shirt in a game that England won 3-1, went for £180. Mr Jones said it was a co-incidence that these items were being sold following Williams' death last year, as they were not being sold by his family. "These belong to a very close friend of Bert Williams, who bought them off Bert many years ago," he said.

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Aaron McCarey signs shirt for one of the young fans



Children's entertainer Dippy keeps all the young fans amused



Elves join in the fun activities at the Christmas party



Conor Coady teams up with another young Santa



Danny Batth and Benik Afobe sign autographs at the young fans' party

Party pure gold for fans

CONOR Coady as Santa Claus and a Christmas party hosted by one of the West Midlands' most famous clowns – it can only be the Young Wolves Christmas party.

Tens of young fans were out in force for the event at Molineux as they got to celebrate Christmas early in the company of their heroes.

They were treated to a day of fun-filled entertainment as they got to meet their favourite first team stars – who took time out to play host

for the young Wolves fans. The day included a disco and dancing competition, with the likes of first-term regulars Benik Afobe and Kevin McDonald looking after the children and signing autographs.

Other players in attendance included Jack Price, Carl Ikeme, Ethan Ebanks-Landell, Dominic Iorfa, Nathan Byrne and captain Danny Batth.

Despite his season-ending injury which has dampened Wolves' hopes of achieving promotion to the Premier League, Nouha Dicko was there as the children quizzed him on his recovery.

Premier league loan players Emiliano Mar-

tinez, from Arsenal, and Sheyi Ojo, from Liverpool, also attended. and it was so popular that there was standing room only in the Sir Jack Hayward Suite at Molineux.

The annual Christmas Party began with Dippy's Christmas Show. Dippy, one half of Flip and Dippy based in the West Midlands, is a children's entertainer.

He is described as a 'crazy clown' who can juggle all sorts of things, walk on his globe, make balloon animals, ride a unicycle and spin plates. To top the night off, midfielder Conor Coady donned the now-familiar gold Santa Suit for the evening.



Keeper Carl Ikeme meets up with one of the young fans

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Off-road adventure trip becomes rescue mission

THEY decided to take a quick holiday to the Lakes – and ended up involved in the drama of floods caused by Storm Desmond.

Dave Round, aged 20, from Dudley, was among a group of youngsters who helped rescue vehicles trapped in rising flood waters in atrocious weather conditions.

Members of the Harper Adams University off-road team were on an unofficial trip to the Lakes, where they planned to spend the weekend driving along unsurfaced roads.

But due to the flooding in Cumbria they spent more than four hours rescuing fellow drivers.

One of the students – Paige Mather, aged 19 – said: "One of our members is on placement at Grange over Sands, so we were staying with her.

Windermere

"On Saturday we were just getting into Windermere when we started to see lots of flooding. Then we stopped and came across a man in a Volkswagen stuck in the middle of the flood."

Jack Thorman, 21, from Shrewsbury, added: "We got him out of this mini-lake, undid the air filter and saw that he had water in his air intake.

"He asked if we could tow him back to his hotel, so I took him to Bowness and the others continued to save more people. One car contained a whole family including a small baby."

The group all met up again at a third 'road lake' where they found four cars and a tractor. Jack added: "The water was half-way up the tractor wheels so it was quite deep. I decided to take one truck through to see if it was ok. When we got to the other side I radioed back and everyone else came through."

The Harper Adams Off Road team



A stranded motorist is given a helpful push out of the flood by the students



Land Rovers make slow progress on flooded roads which halted most motorists

meets regularly to share their love of 4x4 driving and maintenance.

Meanwhile, firefighters from Shropshire have been helping to rescue Cumbrian residents stranded in their homes by Storm Desmond.

A Shropshire Fire and Rescue boat crew was dispatched from Shrewsbury with a six-man crew assisting accompanied by a senior officer after a re-

quest for assistance to deal with the aftermath of a storm which has seen a possible record level of British rainfall – provisionally measured at 352mm in 24 hours.

Andy Johnson, Shropshire Fire and Rescue's area manager, said the specialist team had helped villagers to escape the flood waters at Warwick Bridge, near Carlisle.

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Fun is all around in Marti's magic role

BIRMINGHAM Hippodrome's spectacular pantomime Aladdin is a star-studded extravaganza that bills itself as not only the Midlands' best panto but Britain's biggest!

This year's glittering line-up stars Wet Wet Wet singer Marti Pellow as Abanazar, Julian Clary as the Slave of the Ring, and West End star Lee Mead as Aladdin. Returning by popular demand is funnyman Matt Slack, this time as Wishee Washee, and Andrew Ryan plays the Dame for the 25th time as Widow Twankey.

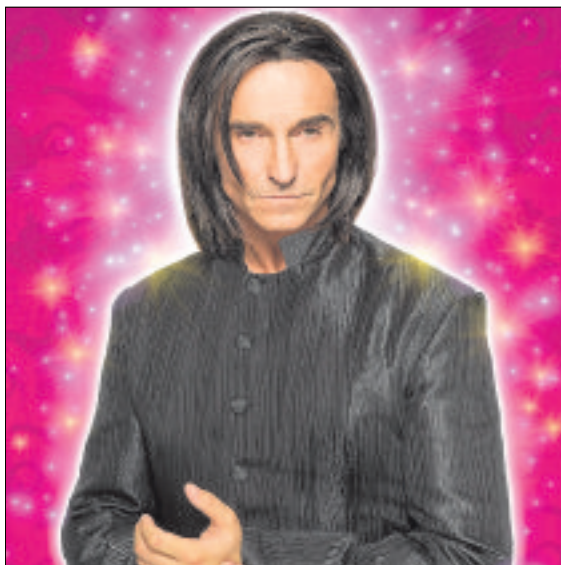
The show is packed with sensational special effects including a magical 3D flying carpet ride, laugh-out-loud comedy, and an Aladdin's cave of lavish sets and costumes.

Julian Clary is an old hand at the panto format. He was at Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre last year and will raise laughs with his double entendres.

For Pellow it will be a new experience, but he said he didn't think twice when asked to star, saying: "I have this thing at the end of each year when a lot of my friends in the theatre tell me they're off to do a panto."

"I've never done one before, it had never been on my list. I remember panto as a kid and I loved it; that was in the days of Stanley Baxter."

"Then I was approached by Michael Harrison, the MD of Qdos. We'd worked together on The Witches of Eastwick. He said I'd be perfect for the part of Abanazar. The pantos that Michael put on are all 'wow'. So, to be part of it is a no-brainer."



Pellow talk — 1980s pop star turns panto villain in Brum's big panto show

"I've not been to a panto since my youth. But those memories from my youth were phenomenal. I would be right up at the back at the King's Theatre (Glasgow) and they were magic. It was total escapism. That's

the beauty of theatre, that's the beauty of the story of Aladdin."

Aladdin opens on Saturday and continues until January 31. See www.birminghamhippodrome.com or call 0844 338 5000.

Carols and the classics

NO venues throw themselves more wholeheartedly into the Christmas spirit than Birmingham Town Hall and Symphony Hall. Guest hosts including Alan Titchmarsh and Aled Jones (pictured left) will lead the festivities as the city concert venues host a feast of carols and seasonal classical music.

The City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra's Festive Favourites concerts are as much a part of Brum's celebrations as the German Market and the Hippodrome panto. TV personality Alan Titchmarsh is the guest host for three evening concerts on Friday, Sunday and Monday, plus a 3pm matinee on Sunday. Conducted by Simon Halsey and joined by CBSO associates, this will be a joyous start to the season.

On Saturday at Symphony Hall it's Christmas with Aled Jones as the Welsh singer and presenter leads carols, backed by the City of Birmingham Choir and London Concert Orchestra, and special guests. Ghost stories are traditional at this time of year and on Sunday Clive Andrews recreates the night at the Town Hall in December 1853 when Charles Dickens himself read A Christmas Carol to a spellbound audience.

Jonathan Cohan leads a Christmas Carol Singalong at Symphony Hall on Monday at 2.30pm, joined by special guest West End star Louise Dearman. It's Carols by Candlelight when the Mozart Festival Chorus and Orchestra, in period costume, perform on Tuesday evening. White Christmas on Wednesday is a feast of festive music featuring singers Jacinta Whyte and Tim Howard with Capital Voices and London Concert Orchestra at Symphony Hall. The orchestra returns at 2.30pm the next day for Christmas Eve Classics with Birmingham Choral Union and Four Oaks Cluster Choir.

To book see www.thsh.co.uk or call 0121 345 0600.



West End performer returns with concert

A FORMER amateur performer from Lichfield who has found success on the London stage is returning to the West Midlands for a special show.

Cameron Sharp, who now lives in London, has appeared in the hit musical Rock of Ages in the West End and on tour but tomorrow (Fri) returns home with an evening of swing, soul and musical theatre tunes at the Arena Theatre in Wolverhampton. He will be accompanied by an 18-piece band. The Infinity Jazz Orchestra. Guest singers and friends will also join him for a performance that's also likely to include some festive sparkle.

Tickets are £18, call 01902 321321.

Justin is back for a brand new Purpose

TEEN pop sensation Justin Bieber has announced two concert dates at Birmingham city centre's Barclaycard Arena next autumn.

The Canadian singer will be performing at the venue on October 17 and 18 with tickets starting from £56.95 (plus fee) up to £135.70.

Tickets were going on general sale from 9am today (Thursday, December 17) from www.theticketfactory.com website.

The 21-year-old star has reached the no1 chart spot in more than 100 countries with his new album Purpose, featuring the massive hit song What Do You Mean.

Blast Off with the Neds at Civic gig

ONE of the best party atmospheres is likely to be at Wolverhampton Civic Hall on Saturday when Stourbridge band Ned's Atomic Dustbin have organised the inaugural Kill Your Television Festival, and will play their first new song in 21 years.

The Neds have performed numerous sell-out shows at the venue in recent years. Frontman Jonn Penney said: "Ever since we reformed with all five original members in 2006 we have entertained the idea of writing new songs." The gig will also feature The Wedding Present, The Primitives and Eat, plus a return for legendary indie club night Blast Off.

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Claudia Winkleman

Strictly Come Dancing Grand Final (BBC1, 6.35pm)

The four couples gather one last time for the 2015 Grand Final. Tensions are high as the celebrities and their partners face yet more turns on the dance-floor. Tonight, the contestants will be hoping the judges will be kind with more than just their scores, as Len Goodman, Darcey Bussell, Craig Revel Horwood and Bruno Tonioli will also be deciding which of the stars' previous routines will be revisited in the first of tonight's dances. For their second performance, the duos must dazzle both the panel and the audience at home with their 'show dance'. Once all eight routines are complete, the phone lines will open, giving viewers a chance to decide which of the competitors will be progressing through to the final three.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** James Martin - Home Comforts at Christmas. (R) **12.00** BBC News: Weather. **12.10** Football Focus. **12.55** Sports Personality - The Final 12. (R) **1.55** Film: The Muppets. (2011) Comedy, starring Jason Segel. **3.30** The Hunt. (R) **4.30** Final Score. **5.25** BBC News. **5.35** Regional Programme. **5.45** Pointless Celebrities.

6.35 Strictly Come Dancing Grand Final. The remaining four couples gather one last time for the 2015 Grand Final. Tensions are high as, after 13 weeks of performances, the celebrities and their professional partners face yet more turns on the dance-floor. Tonight, the contestants will be hoping the judges will be kind with more than just their scores, as Len Goodman, Darcey Bussell, Craig Revel Horwood and Bruno Tonioli will also be deciding which of the stars' previous routines will be revisited in the first of tonight's dances. For their second performance, the duos must dazzle both the panel and the audience at home with their 'show dance'. Once all eight routines are complete, the phone lines will open, giving viewers a chance to decide which of the competitors will be progressing through to the final three.

8.00 Casuality. Christmas Eve arrives, and a nervous Cal goes to meet his birth mother. Meanwhile, Dixie learns her superiors are investigating Jess's complaint.

8.50 The National Lottery Live. Frankie Bridge of The Saturdays joins Ore Oduba to push the Lotto button as the all-important winning numbers are revealed.

9.00 Strictly Come Dancing: The Results. The final three couples revisit their favourite routines in one last round of performances, before viewers decide which star should be named the champion. Last in the series.

10.10 BBC News: Weather.

10.30 Match of the Day. Highlights of the latest games, including Manchester United v Norwich City and Everton v Leicester City. National Lottery Update.

11.55 The Apprentice. The five remaining candidates must face the interview process. (R)

12.55 Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.00** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 Race to Super Bowl 50. (R) **6.50** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **7.45** Africa's Fishing Leopards: Natural World. (R) **8.45** Film: Underdog. (2007) **10.00** Film: Bridge to Terabithia. (2007) **11.30** Escape to the Country. (R) **12.00** Best Christmas Bakes Ever. **12.45** Film: The Bishop's Wife. (1947) Fantasy, starring Cary Grant. **2.30** Film: Splash! (1984) Romantic fantasy comedy, with Tom Hanks and Daryl Hannah. **4.10** Flog It! **5.00** Film: Dad's Army. (1971) British comedy, starring Arthur Lowe.

6.35 The Perfect Morecambe & Wise Christmas Special. Compilations each featuring a selection of classic sketches and routines from the comedy duo's shows. (R)

7.05 Japan: Earth's Enchanted Islands. Life on Japan's northernmost island Hokkaido, a place where tough animals and ingenious people have adapted to the extremes of the seasons. Last in the series. (R)

8.05 Porridge. Mackay and Barraclough discover Fletch is making booze in his cell and the crafty con seems certain to spend Christmas in solitary. Festive special from 1976, with Ronnie Barker. (R)

8.50 Rudolf Nureyev - Dance to Freedom. Dramatised documentary detailing the story of Rudolf Nureyev, the Soviet ballet dancer who defected to the West in 1961, becoming a living legend in the process. Bolshoi Ballet star Artem Ovcharenko steps into Nureyev's slippers, recreating the Kirov Ballet company's 1961 European tour, which provided the dancer with the opportunity to defect at Paris's Le Bourget airport on June 16.

10.20 OL XL. Jenny Eclair, Johnny Vegas and Bill Bailey join regular panellist Alan Davies for an extended edition of the quiz show, in which host Stephen Fry offers up seasonal merriment.

11.05 The Rise of James Brown: Mr Dynamite. Documentary charting the singer's journey from impoverished beginnings to becoming one of the biggest names in music, and revealing his pivotal role in the civil rights movement. (R)

12.45 Film: SoulBoy. (2010) Drama, starring Martin Compston, Felicity Jones and Nicola Burley. **2.05** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge. **6.25** Pat & Stan. (R) **6.30** Pat & Stan. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **7.00** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.05** Oddbods. (R) **7.10** Sooty. (R) **7.25** Super 4. (R) **7.40** Mr Bean: The Animated Series. (R) **7.50** Mr Bean: The Animated Series. (R) **8.00** The Aquabats! Super Show! (R) **8.30** Thunderbirds Are Go. **9.00** Jessie. **9.25** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **10.20** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **11.20** ITV News: Weather. **11.30** Film: The Mirror Crack'd. (1980) **1.35** Celebrity Squares. (R) **2.15** Doc Martin. (R) **3.15** Midsomer Murders. (R) **5.10** Regional Programme : Weather. **5.20** ITV News: Weather. **5.35** Keep It In the Family Christmas Special.

6.35 Film: The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey. (2012) Unassuming hobbit Bilbo Baggins is pulled out of his comfortable life when Gandalf the wizard volunteers him for a dangerous quest. He joins a party of dwarves who are on a mission to reclaim their lost homeland, which has been taken over by a dragon. The first part of Peter Jackson's fantasy adventure trilogy based on J.R.R. Tolkien's novel, starring Martin Freeman, Ian McKellen and Richard Armitage.

9.45 The Jonathan Ross Show. The host is given yet another chance to indulge his geek side as he welcomes Harrison Ford to take a seat on the sofa. The veteran Hollywood star will no doubt face a barrage of questions about the making of the highly anticipated Star Wars: The Force Awakens, which hit cinemas on Thursday last week. Also visiting the studio are David Williams, who is fronting Channel 4's countdown of the nation's favourite children's book this festive season, and Jamie Oliver, whose health-oriented recipe book Everyday Super Food hit shelves back in August. Plus, singer-songwriter Jess Glynne performs.

10.50 ITV News: Weather.

11.05 Film: Notting Hill. (1999) A London bookshop owner falls for a glamorous Hollywood film star, but intrusive media interest makes for a tricky relationship. Romantic comedy, with Hugh Grant, Julia Roberts, Rhys Ifans and Emma Chambers.

1.20 Jackpot247. **3.00** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) **3.40** ITV Nightscene.

CHANNEL 4

6.15 Great Ethiopian Run 2015. **7.10** Survival of the Fittest. **7.35** Snowman Triathlon. **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **9.00** The Morning Line. **10.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.00** The Simpsons. (R) **12.30** The Simpsons. (R) **1.00** The Simpsons. (R) **1.30** Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage from Ascot and Haydock Park. **4.00** Channel 4 News. **4.10** The Simpsons. (R) **4.40** The Simpsons. **5.10** Film: Arthur Christmas. (2011) Animated comedy, with the voice of James McAvoy.

7.00 The World's Wildest Weather. Featuring geysers erupting in the middle of a city, clouds that look like they have been cut with a razor, red rainbows, zombie trees and bridges struck by strong winds that are so fierce the structures start to wobble.

8.00 Film: Star Trek. (2009) The trainee crew members of the starship Enterprise embark on their maiden flight, which pits them against a Romanan commander from the future who is planning a horrific revenge on those he blames for a tragedy in his own time. Sci-fi adventure based on the original TV series, starring Chris Pine, Zachary Quinto, Eric Bana, Zoe Saldana and Leonard Nimoy.

10.30 Film: Watchmen. (2009) At the height of the Cold War, former superheroes discover a conspiracy when one of their number is murdered. Comic-book drama, starring Patrick Wilson and Jackie Earle Haley.

1.30 TFI Friday Christmas Special. Chris Evans is joined by co-host Alan Partridge. Guests include James Corden, Jack Whitehall and Lee Mack, and there is music by Sir Tom Jones, Bryan Adams and Lianne La Havas. (R) **2.55** Hollyoaks. Omnibus. While Porsche encourages Cleo to go to the police, Lindsey uses Mercedes's drinking habit to her advantage, and Grace and Darren are shocked when Charlie starts talking. (R) **5.05** Hugh's 3 Good Things. The chefs create dishes using nuts. Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall uses walnuts to make baklava, accompanied by ricotta and honeycomb with hazelnuts stirred in. (R) **5.20** Hugh's 3 Good Things: Best Bites. Cooking with chocolate. (R) **5.25** Location, Location, Location. Couples search for their ideal properties. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **8.55** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. **9.30** The Saturday Show. **11.30** Film: A Country Christmas Story. (2013) **1.20** Film: This Christmas. (2007) Comedy drama, starring Delroy Lindo. **3.30** Film: Angel at Christmas. (2009) Premiere. Comedy drama, starring Karl Hawker. **5.10** Film: A Boyfriend for Christmas. (2004) Romantic drama, starring Kelli Williams.

6.55 Crackers about Christmas. Eccentric people who are always in the festive holiday spirit, including a man who celebrates Christmas every day and whose daily routine includes posting himself cards, breakfasting on mince pies and sherry, wrapping and opening presents, dining with guests on roast turkey and watching the Queen's speech. Plus, a woman whose home is full of Christmas baubles, and a man who has set up his own school for Santas. (R)

7.55 Michael Buble's Christmas Songbook. The Canadian crooner sings Christmas classics, joined on stage in Vancouver by Rod Stewart, Blake Shelton, Carly Rae Jepsen, Elmo and Oscar the Grouch. (R)

8.55 5 Weeks Weekend.

9.00 Football League Tonight. Kelly Cates and George Riley present extended highlights of the weekend's matches, including Brighton & Hove Albion v Middlesbrough and Rotherham v Hull City in the Championship. Plus, all the goals from Leagues One and Two, where match-ups included Coventry City v Oldham Athletic and Hartlepool United v Plymouth Argyle. There is also a round-up of the main talking points, and interviews with a selection of players and managers.

10.30 Britain's Favourite Abba Songs. A countdown of the Swedish pop group's 20 most popular songs, with celebrity fans including Jane McDonald and Liz McAlarnon introducing their favourite clips.

11.55 Abba: Live in Concert. The Swedish band in concert during their six-night residence at London's Wembley Arena in November 1979, featuring hits including Voulez-Vous, Dancing Queen and Waterloo. (R)

1.10 SuperCasino. **3.10** Meet the Psychopaths. (R) **4.00** Benefits Britain: Life on the Dole. (R) **4.50** Make It Big. (R) **5.45** Angels of Jarm. (R)

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BBC Three
7.00 Don't Tell the Bride **8.00** Top Gear
Botswana Special **9.00** Film: Enemy of the State (1998) **11.05** Family Guy **1.20** The Mighty Boosh

BBC Four
8.00 Empire of the Seas: How the Navy Forged the Modern World **8.00** The Golden Age of Steam Railways **9.00** The Bridge **11.00** 10 Things You Didn't Know About Earthquakes **12.00** 10 Things You Didn't Know About Tsunamis

ITV2

11.50 Scorpion **12.15** Funniest Ever You've Been Framed! **1.15** Film: Mr Magorium's Wonder Emporium (2007) **3.10** Film: Santa Baby (2006) **5.00** Merry Christmas Mr Bean **5.35** Film: Ella Enchanted (2004) **7.25** Film: Tim Burton's The Nightmare Before Christmas (1993) **9.00** Film: The Bourne Supremacy (2004) **1.15** Celebrity Juice: Bestest Bits 2015 Part 1 **12.10** Through the Christmas Keyhole **1.15** Tricked **2.10** Viral Tap **2.45** Film: Baby Mama (2008) **4.25** The Almost Impossible Gameshow

ITV3

11.50 Film: Swallows and Amazons (1974) **1.40** By Royal Appointment **2.50** Film: The Queen (2006) **4.55** Film: Columbo: It's All in the Game (1993) **6.55** Rosemary & Thyme **8.00** Housewife, 49 **10.00** Lewis **12.05** A Touch of Frost **2.10** Film: Murder on the Orient Express (1974) **4.20** Wycliffe **5.15** On the Buses

ITV4

12.05 Storage Wars: New York **1.05** Storage Wars: Texas **2.05** Film: Jeremiah Johnson (1972) **4.20** Fifth Gear **5.20** Formula E: Sound of the Future **6.00** Live FIA Formula E Championship. The Punta del Este ePrix. **8.30** Film: Jackie Chan's First Strike (1996) **10.15** Film: Rambo III (1988) **12.20** Film: Police Academy (1984) **2.15** Film: Quadrophobia (1979)

E4

12.00 The Goldbergs **1.00** The Big Bang Theory **3.00** Film: Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events (2004) **5.00** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** Film: The Inbetweeners Movie (2011) **11.00** The Inbetweeners Top 10 Moments **12.00** The Inbetweeners **2.15** The Inbetweeners Top 10 Moments **3.10** How to... Get Stinking Rich **3.35** How I Met Your Mother **4.30** The Mindy Project **4.40** Revenge

11.00 Arriety (2010) **1.00** A Knight's Tale (2001) **3.40** The Longest Day (1962) **7.10** Men in Black II (2002) **9.00** Life of Pi (2012) **11.25** Wolf Cop (2014) **1.00** Thirst (2009) **3.45** Close

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Kara Tointon
The Sound of Music Live! (ITV, 7.30pm)
You can't beat a bit of The Sound of Music at Christmas - the film version is sure to pop up in the schedules at some point, but ITV is really pushing the boat out by launching a live version of the musical to help celebrate the movie's 50th anniversary. Perhaps the biggest is surprise is the identity of the lead actress - Kara Tointon, who plays novice nun-turned-governess. We know she can act and her dance skills were revealed when she won Strictly Come Dancing in 2010, but can she sing? We'll find out tonight when she takes to the stage alongside West End and Downton Abbey star Julian Ovenden, who portrays Captain Von Trapp. Katherine Kelly, Alexander Armstrong and Mel Giedroyc also appear.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. 7.35 Match of the Day. (R) **9.00 The Andrew Marr Show.** **10.00** Fern Britton Meets Baroness Brady. **11.00** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **12.00** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News: Weather. **1.15** Film: Rise of the Guardians. (2012) Animated adventure, with the voice of Chris Pine. **2.40** Merry Madagascar. (R) **3.05** Film: Toy Story 3. (2010) Animated adventure, with the voices of Tom Hanks and Tim Allen. **4.45** The Christmas Big Sing. **5.25** BBC News. **5.40** Regional Programme. **5.50** Countryfile: Cornish Coastal Christmas. **6.50** Sports Personality of the Year **2015.** Gary Lineker, Clare Balding and Gabby Logan present this year's ceremony live from the SSE Arena in Belfast, where the successor to Lewis Hamilton will be crowned. Hamilton himself is among the 12 contenders, and will be hoping to land back-to-back wins at this ceremony, having delivered another Formula 1 world title in 2015 to maintain his recent dominance of the sport. The other nominees are world champion athletes Jessica Ennis-Hill, Mo Farah and Greg Rutherford, Davis Cup hero Andy Murray, footballer Lucy Bronze, newly crowned world heavyweight champion Tyson Fury, cyclists Chris Froome and Lizzie Armistead, swimmer Adam Peaty, gymnast Max Whitlock and former Leeds Rhinos captain Kevin Sinfield - the first-ever candidate from rugby league. In addition, awards will be handed out in categories such as Team of the Year, Coach of the Year and Unsung Hero, and the Helen Rollason Award will be bestowed upon someone who epitomises courage and has the ability to inspire others. **9.00 The Apprentice.** The finalists must launch their business in the final task, including creating a brand and unveiling their campaign to an audience of industry experts. Last in the series. **11.00** BBC News. **11.20** Regional Programme. **11.30** Have I Got a Bit More News for You. Compilation of the satirical quiz, looking back at the big news events of 2015, with team captains Ian Hislop and Paul Merton, and guest hosts and panellists. Last in the series. **12.10** Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.15** BBC News.

BBC2

6.15 Big Dreams Small Spaces. (R) **7.15** Countryfile. (R) **8.15** An Island Parish: Falklands. (R) **8.45** Natural World: Beavers Behaving Badly. (R) **9.45** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.15** Simply Nigella: Christmas Special. (R) **12.15** MOTD Extra. **1.00** Hide-Hill (R) **1.45** Equestrian: Olympia. **4.30** Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em. (R) **5.20** Flog It! **6.25** The Good Life. Margo and Jerry are forced to spend Christmas with Tom and Barbara. Special special from 1977. (R) **6.50** Christmas University Challenge. New series. Jeremy Paxman chairs the first in a series of special festive edition of the quiz, with famous graduates of University College London and the University of Birmingham. **7.20** To the Manor Born: 25th Anniversary Special. Christmas revval from 2007. Audrey prepares to celebrate her wedding anniversary, but finds the event threatened by secrets from her husband's past and her feckless nephew. (R) **8.20** Film: Safe Haven. (2013) Premiere. A woman trying to make a fresh start in a coastal town realises she must confront the dark past she is running from. Romantic drama, with Julianne Hough and Josh Duhamel. **10.10** Live at the Apollo Christmas Special 2015. Nina Conti hosts a special festive edition of the stand-up show from the Hammersmith Apollo, featuring Tanyalee Davis, Hal Crutenden and Josh Widdicombe. Last in the series. **10.55** Family Guy. Peter, Joe, Cleveland and Quagmire help throw Jesus an important birthday party. Animation following the misadventures of America's disaster-prone Griffin family. (R) **11.15** The Javone Prince Show. The actor pokes fun at the more ridiculous elements of modern life via stand-up performances, comedy sketches and music. (R) **11.45** Country Strife: Abz on the Farm. Former boy band member Abz Love and his girlfriend Vicky Fallon try to start their own smallholding in Wales. (R) **12.15** Special Forces - Ultimate Hell Week. (R) **2.15** Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) **3.15** Holby City. (R) **4.15** James Martin - Home Comforts at Christmas. (R) **4.55** This is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge. **6.25** Pat & Stan. (R) **6.30** Pat & Stan. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.50** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **7.00** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.05** Oddbods. (R) **7.10** Sooty. (R) **7.25** Super 4. (R) **7.40** Mr Bean: The Animated Series. (R) **7.50** Mr Bean: The Animated Series. (R) **8.00** The Aquabats! Super Show! (R) **8.30** Lego DC Comics: Batman Be-Leaguered. (R) **9.00** Jessie. **9.25** FIA Formula E Championship. **10.20** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **11.20** ITV News: Weather. **11.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **12.30** The Unforgettable Dick Emery. (R) **1.00** Doc Martin. (R) **3.00** Midsomer Murders. (R) **5.00** Tipping Point for Text Santa. (R) **6.00** Regional Programme: Weather. **6.15** ITV News: Weather. **6.30** Jekyll and Hyde. Robert has no wish to find the monster that is killing wealthy young men, but the trail is too compelling to resist. It leads him to a fight with a beautiful vampire who shocks him with the news that she's his sister, Orla. She also tells him Dance is alive and being rebuilt by eel creatures. Robert is suspicious of a trap and sets a test - if she can turn into a Jekyll he'll believe her. Fantasy adventure, starring Tom Bateman and Wallis Day. **7.30** The Sound of Music Live! Popular musical The Sound of Music is brought to life on soundstages at London's Three Mills Studio, in a live TV dramatisation of the timeless story of Maria and the von Trapp family. Based on the original, the drama will include classic songs such as How Do You Solve a Problem Like Maria, Edelweiss, Do-Re-Mi, My Favourite Things, Climb Ev'ry Mountain, and the title song. Starring Kara Tointon, Julia Ovenden, Katherine Kelly and Alexander Armstrong. **10.05** ITV News: Weather. **10.20** Film: Love Actually. (2003) Interlinked tales of several people in search of love. Richard Curtis's romantic comedy, with Hugh Grant, Martine McCutcheon, Emma Thompson, Colin Firth, Bill Nighy and Liam Neeson. **12.45** Jackpot247. Interactive gaming. **3.00** Motorsport UK. **3.50** ITV Nightscreen. Text-based information service. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. Guests air their differences. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.20 The King of Queens. (R) **6.45** The King of Queens. (R) **7.10** The King of Queens. (R) **7.35** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.55** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.25** Film: Hachi: A Dog's Tale. (2009) Fact-based family drama, starring Richard Gere. **3.15** Film: The Addams Family. (1991) Black comedy, starring Anjelica Huston. **5.10** Channel 4 News. **5.30** Ice Age: A Mammoth Christmas. (R) **6.00** Film: Home Alone. (1990) A boy has to fend for himself when he is accidentally left behind after his family jets off to Paris for Christmas. The youngster initially enjoys his freedom, but is soon forced to resort to ingenious booby traps to defend the family home from two dim-witted burglars. Comedy, starring Macaulay Culkin, Joe Pesci, Daniel Stern, John Heard, Catherine O'Hara and John Candy. **8.00** Bear Goes Wild with Barack Obama. Bear Grylls is joined by the US president for his latest adventure. The pair go on a trek across the Alaskan wilderness, travelling through dense forest and glacial outwash to visit the Exit Glacier, where they observe the effects of climate change first hand. Along the way, they climb trees to gather berries and cook salmon on a campfire, sharing their thoughts on family, fears and faith. **9.00** Homeland. Carrie finds herself with a lead to follow. Penultimate episode of the fifth series of the thriller following a team of CIA agents battling terrorists and problems in their personal lives. Claire Danes stars. **10.00** Gogglebox. Capturing the households' instant reactions to what they are watching on TV from the comfort of their own sofas. (R) **11.00** Film: Four Christmases. (2008) A couple struggle to make it through four family Christmases on the same day as they see each of their divorced parents in turn. Comedy, with Vince Vaughn and Reese Witherspoon. **12.40** Film: Airplane! (1980) Spoof disaster movie, starring Robert Hays. **2.10** Alan Carr: Chatty Man. (R) **3.05** The Undateables: Two Weddings and a Baby. (R) **3.55** Four in a Bed. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **6.20** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **6.30** Bob the Builder. (R) **6.45** Ticky Tock. (R) **6.55** Zack and Quack. **7.05** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.15** Make Way for Noddy. (R) **7.25** Paw Patrol. (R) **7.40** Little Princess. (R) **7.50** Pip Ahoy! (R) **8.05** Blaze and the Monster Machines. (R) **8.30** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **8.45** Wanda and the Alien. (R) **8.55** Toby's Travelling Circus. (R) **9.10** Jelly Jam. (R) **9.30** LazyTown. (R) **9.55** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.30** Football League Tonight. (R) **12.00** Film: Surf's Up. (2007) Animated comedy, with the voice of Jeff Bridges. **1.35** Film: The Christmas Switch. (2014) Fantasy, starring Brian Krause and Cedric Smith. **3.20** Film: Christmas in the City. (2013) Premiere. Drama, starring Ashley Williams. **5.05** Film: Pinocchio. (1940) Disney animated adventure, with the voice of Dick Jones. **6.45** 5 News Weekend. **6.50** Film: Hellboy II: The Golden Army. (2008) The demon superhero, aided by a team from the Bureau of Paranormal Research and Defence, leads the fight against renegade elf Prince Nuada who is intent on reawakening an unstoppable robot army and bringing about the demise of mankind. Action fantasy sequel directed by Guillermo del Toro, starring Ron Perlman, Selma Blair, Doug Jones and Luke Goss. Edited for language and violence. **9.00** Film: War of the Worlds. (2005) A divorced father's rare weekend with his two estranged children descends into horror when alien war machines rise from beneath Earth and begin to systematically destroy every human being in their path - leaving the man with the dangerous task of getting his kids to safety. Steven Spielberg's sci-fi thriller, based on HG Wells' novel, with Tom Cruise, Dakota Fanning, Justin Chatwin, Miranda Otto and Tim Robbins. **11.10** Britain's Favourite Christmas Songs. A countdown of songs guaranteed to make any Christmas party go with a swing, including classics by the Jackson 5, Jona Lewie, Band Aid, the Pogues and Kirsty MacColl, and Slade. (R) **2.05** SuperCasino. Viewers get the chance to take part in live interactive gaming. **4.00** House Doctor. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. (R) **5.45** Angels of Jarm. (R)

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BBC Three
7.00 First Flight **7.10** Film: G-Force (2009) **8.30** Don't Tell the Bride - Christmas on Ice **9.30** Top Gear: Polar Challenge **10.35** Russell Howard's Good News Extra **11.15** Family Guy **12.00** American Dad! **12.45** Josh **1.15** The Mighty Boosh
BBC Four
7.00 Blood and Gold: The Making of Spain with Simon Sebag Montefiore **8.00** Westminster Abbey **9.00** Nat King Cole: Afraid of the Dark **10.30** Nina Simone & Me with Laura Mvula **11.00** Bruce Springsteen: The Ties That Bind **11.55** Bruce Springsteen & The E Street Band: Live From The River Tour 1980
ITV2
11.45 Keep It in the Family Christmas Special **12.50** You've Been Framed at Christmas! **1.20** Film: Peter Pan (2003) **3.30** Film: Beethoven's Christmas Adventure (2011) **5.20** Catchphrase Christmas Special **6.25** The X Factor Winner's Story **2015** **7.30** You've Been Framed at Christmas! **9.00** Film: The Bourne Ultimatum (2007) **11.15** Celebrity Juice: Christmas Special **12.00** Release the Hounds: Jingle Hell II **1.05** Tricked **2.00** Film: Cirque du Freak: The Vampire's Assistant (2009)
ITV3
11.50 Film: Columbo: It's All in the Game (1993) **1.50** Film: Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory (1971) **3.55** Clash of the Santas **5.55** Michael Biebi: At Home for Christmas **7.30** Lewis **9.30** Inspector Morse **11.45** A Touch of Frost **1.50** Wycliffe **2.45** On the Buses **3.10** ITV3 Nightscreen **3.40** Emmerdale
ITV4
11.20 The Car Chasers **11.50** Pawn Stars **1.35** Film: No Name on the Bullet (1997) **3.15** Film: The Appaloosa (1966) **5.20** Film: Ice Cold in Alex (1958) **8.00** The Celebrity Chase **9.00** Film: The Interpreter (2005) **11.40** Film: Tin Cup (1996) **2.25** Film: Spider (2002)
E4
12.30 Couples Come Dine with Me **2.35** The Big Bang Theory **8.25** Film: The Twilight Saga: New Moon (2009) **9.00** Film: The Inbetweeners 2 (2014) **11.00** The Inbetweeners Go Global **12.05** The Inbetweeners Go Global **3.15** How to Be a Grown Up **3**
Film4
11.00 Porco Rosso (1992) **1.00** Parental Guidance (2012) **3.05** Bride Wars (2009) **4.50** Evolution (2001) **6.50** Men in Black 3 (2012) **9.00** Iron Man 2 (2010) **11.25** Daredevil (2003) **1.30** 10 Years (2011) **3.40** Close

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FILM CHOICES

MONDAY

White Christmas, Channel 4, 11.50am

Two nightclub entertainers stage a series of shows to save an old friend's winter resort with the help of a talented singing sister act. Musical, with Bing Crosby and Danny Kaye. (1954)

TUESDAY

Shrek the Third, BBC1, 3.50pm

The bad-tempered ogre finds himself in the unenviable position of being next in line for the throne. Animated comedy, with the voices of Mike Myers, Cameron Diaz, Justin Timberlake, Eddie Murphy, Antonio Banderas and Rupert Everett. (2007)

WEDNESDAY

Bridget Jones's Diary, ITV, 10.45pm

A single woman begins a new year with resolutions to find love, quit her bad habits and take a step up the career ladder. Romantic comedy based on Helen Fielding's novel, starring Renee Zellweger, Hugh Grant and Colin Firth. (2001)



Bridget Jones's Diary, Wednesday, ITV, 10.45pm

CHRISTMAS EVE

It's a Wonderful Life, Channel 4, 2.15pm

AA suicidal small-town businessman is visited by an angel who tries to change his mind by showing him the good he has done. Fantasy drama, starring James Stewart and Donna Reed. (1946)

CHRISTMAS DAY

The Muppet Christmas Carol, Channel 4, 1.45pm

A miser is encouraged to mend his ways at Christmas when three spirits show him his past, present and what the future holds. Puppet comedy, with Michael Caine and Steven Mackintosh. (1992)

The Wizard of Oz, Channel 5, 3.10pm

Youngster Dorothy Gale is whisked over the rainbow by a tornado into the magical land of Oz, where she inadvertently kills a wicked witch – incurring the wrath of another. Setting out to find the wizard who can show her a way home, she is joined on her journey by a scarecrow, a tin man and a cowardly lion, who all hope their own wishes will be granted. Musical fantasy, with Judy Garland, Ray Bolger, Jack Haley, Bert Lahr and Frank Morgan. (1939)

The birth of a comedy with an army of fans

Who do you think you are kidding Mr Hitler? Whenever the crusty old voice of Bud Flanagan can be heard singing that line, you know that Dad's Army is about to start and what will follow is approximately 25 minutes of mayhem, one-liners and catchphrases from Captain Mainwaring, Sergeant Wilson, Corporal Jones and the rest of the platoon.

Ah yes, those catchphrases... Even now, sentences such as, "You stupid boy," "I'm going to get you Napoleon," "We're doomed" and, of course, "Don't panic!" are still well known – which is probably down to the fact that the Beeb always seems to be repeating the show.

It's actually been 47 years since the boys first donned their uniforms and 38 since they hung them up again, but those nine years in between were full of humour which hasn't dated one little bit.

There's an old saying for authors: Write what you know. Jimmy Perry proved he wasn't a "stupid boy" when he did just that and, along with writing partner David Croft, turned his World

War Two Home Guard experiences into Dad's Army.

"We wrote the show together and it became this huge success," says Perry, with a hint of surprise still in his voice. "I always thought it was a good idea but it totally overwhelmed us. I think the secret was that everything was right. It was one of those rare things. The cast was right, the time and the subject was right."

However, not everybody was as enamoured with the idea – or the actors taking part – as Perry. And now, in this drama, viewers can learn more about how the sitcom was born and eventually made it to our screens against the odds.

The BBC has a good track record when it comes to producing 'making-of' dramas. The Curse of Steptoe, The Road to Coronation Street and An Adventure in Space and Time all received critical acclaim, so there's every reason to believe that the latest in the genre will be just as enthralling. The timing is good too – Dad's Army remains a mainstay of the BBC schedule and a revamped film version is due for release in February.

Paul Ritter and Richard Dormer play Perry and Croft respectively, and the drama takes us from when Perry had the initial idea in 1967 to the broadcast of the first episode a year later.

John Sessions and Julian Sands take the key roles of Arthur Lowe and John Le Mesurier; it's hard to imagine anybody playing the characters those venerable old actors took, but Captain Mainwaring was originally offered to Jon Pertwee, while Le Mesurier only accepted the role of Sgt Wilson because the series was going to be filmed in Norfolk, a county he loved.

Sadly, most of the original cast are no longer with us – only Ian Lavender and Frank Williams (Private Pike and Rev Timothy Farthing respectively) remain. Croft also passed away in 2011.

"I feel a tremendous sense of warmth and sadness that most of those involved are no longer with us," says Perry. "But I also have a sense of pride that I created such a show."

Sarah Alexander, Sally Phillips and Keith Allen also star.



We're Doomed! The Dad's Army Story, Tuesday, BBC2, 9pm

BEST OF THE REST

MONDAY

The John Bishop Christmas Show BBC1, 9pm

The Liverpool comedian returns for his third all-singing, all-dancing, festive extravaganza and is joined on stage at the Lyceum Theatre in London's West End by a selection of the most exciting names in music and comedy. The line-up features music from Australian pop star and actress Kylie Minogue, chart-topping singer-songwriter Jess Glynne and 2009 X Factor runner-up and TV presenter Olly Murs, while the laughs are supplied by comedians Sarah Millican, Danny Bhoy, Tom Allen and Andy Askins.

Bafta Celebrates Downton Abbey ITV, 9pm

Jonathan Ross hosts a star-studded event at London's Richmond Theatre honouring the ITV drama ahead of its final episode on Christmas Day. There are reports from behind the scenes with cast and crew to provide an insight into one of the world's most popular shows, while creator Julian Fellowes takes to the stage to chat about its origins and secrets. Maggie Smith and Hugh Bonneville perform a specially written sketch, there are performances by Kiri Te Kanawa and Julian Ovenden, and Julie Walters presents the award to Fellowes and the cast and crew.

TUESDAY

Luther BBC1, 9pm

With the eponymous detective dogged by ghosts from his past, a cold case might be the key to unlocking a mystery that's tormenting him. Meanwhile, with the cannibalistic serial killer still at large, Benny's hacking skills have revealed a list of hundreds of potential victims. Realising it's all part of a macabre end game, the crime buster is forced to put himself and new colleague Emma into the heart of danger to try and stop the killer. Idris Elba and Laura Haddock head the cast.

WEDNESDAY

Prey ITV, 9pm

As Murdoch continues with the search for his daughter, he is forced into one last extraordinary mission before Lucy can be freed. But, as a wanted man, it is a near-impossible task, and he must fight to get her to safety before the relentless Reinhardt catches her prey. Concluding instalment of the thriller, following the story of a prison officer who is forced on the run with a young female

prisoner when his daughter is kidnapped. Starring Philip Glenister, Rosie Cavaliero, MyAnna Buring and Nathan Stewart-Jarrett. Last in the series.

CHRISTMAS EVE

Peter Kay: 20 Years of Funny BBC1, 9.05pm

It is nearly 20 years since Peter Kay was named North West Comedian of the Year 1996, beating the likes of Johnny Vegas to the title at a show hosted by Dave Spikey. This one-off hour-long programme looks back at the much-loved comedian and actor's life from his childhood growing up in Bolton, to the places and people who have influenced him. It reveals how Peter began his journey into the world of comedy and his eventual rise to become a household name, playing to a record-breaking 12 million fans on his The Tour That Doesn't Tour Tour.



Prey, Wednesday, ITV, 9pm

CHRISTMAS DAY

Downton Abbey – The Finale ITV, 8.45pm

Julian Fellowes bids farewell to the Crawleys with one last festive special, catching up with the Abbey's residents at the tail-end of 1925. Mary endeavours to build bridges, but Edith's secret continues to pose a threat. As Henry settles into the role of husband, scars left by Charlie's death are slow to heal, while Carson struggles to come to terms with developments that prove even he is not invulnerable to change. Spratt's moonlighting venture is threatened by the conniving of Denker, and Daisy may have missed her chance with an admirer.

Our Cilla

ITV, 10.45pm

The death of singer and TV presenter Cilla Black in August 2015 shocked the showbusiness community. In this programme, stars including Ringo Starr, Cliff Richard, Elaine Paige, Christopher Biggins, Paul O'Grady and Lynda La Plante join members of the entertainer's family and other close friends to reveal the woman behind the screen persona. Alongside rare interviews and archive footage, the candid, humorous and surprising insights of the people who knew her best chart the journey of a woman who broke boundaries, both in terms of class and gender.



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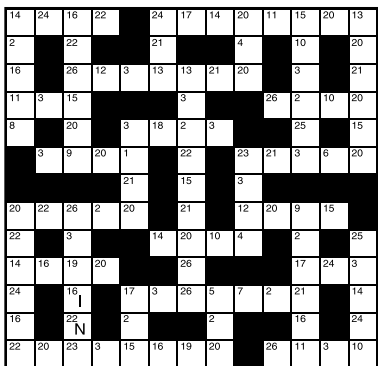


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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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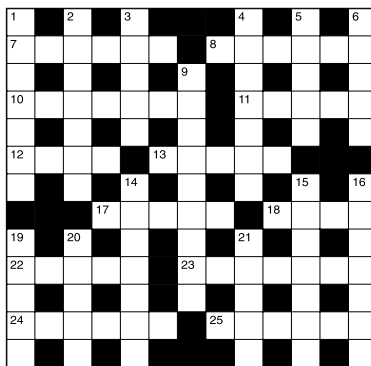
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- This stuff does have importance (6)
- The team having battled are not in the pavilion (7)
- Dodge a chasm (5)
- Not one of the nonentities (4)
- Filched a wrap (5)
- Famous king was dunderhead - and greedy (5)
- See 2 Down
- Stale to the smallest degree (5)
- Letters for sending to detached fort? (7)
- Street abounding with contention (6)
- His products presumably have the edge (6)

Down

- About hearty echo (7)
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- It's clear learner is in distress (5)
- Competent enough to do better than clever people (7)
- Was a candidate, but didn't have a seat (5)
- She's out of the singles now (5)
- His trial goes over one's head (4,5)
- Dog finds mother unyielding (7)
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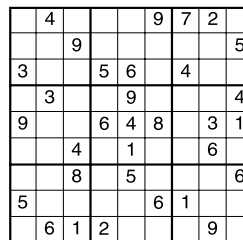
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- Speech (7)
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- Win (4)
- Proverb (5)
- Interpret (7)
- Ministers (6)
- Glad (6)

Down

- Crops (7)
- Conceited (5-2)
- Venomous snake (5)
- Excess (7)
- Prevent (5)
- Avarice (5)
- Licentious (9)
- Feathers (7)
- Nonpareil (7)
- Unity (7)
- Slap (5)
- Drive out (5)
- Reel (5)

Sudoku



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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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Quiz

- Which Biblical book mentions 'A land flowing with milk and honey'?
- In which Shakespeare play does Caliban appear?
- In which year did Canada adopt a maple leaf emblem for its flag?
- Which Nazi leader was 'The Butcher of Lyon'?
- How old was outlaw Clyde Barrow when he died?

- When is the first day of Ramadan in 2016?
- Who wrote Northanger Abbey?
- To which country did Alexander Graham Bell emigrate in 1870?
- What nationality was composer Dvorak?
- With which of the arts would you associate Sir Alfred Munnings?

Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 Swan-upping; 2 David Copperfield;

3 Egypt; 4 A church; 5 Hyde Park; 6 A bird;

7 Alcazar; 8 Torino; 9 George Harrison;

10 Poland.

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Seat's baby Ibiza gets a makeover and update

By Matt Joy

Seat's Ibiza has done a sterling job of bringing buyers into the brand in what is a cut-throat sector of the market. It's also managed to look youthful and sharp, despite having been around since 2008. Now it's time for the Ibiza's second facelift, and it's on the receiving end of plenty of new kit.

The outside gets a mild makeover, while inside there's new materials and a re-sculpted dashboard which helps boost the quality feel alongside greater personalisation options and increased technology. There are also some new engines to choose from and tweaked suspension aimed at improving the ride quality.

It's a sign of confidence from Seat that they have chosen to change so little of the Ibiza's exterior. Compared to the 2012 model, the exterior is distinguished only by LED daytime running lights, LED tail lights and some new alloy wheel options, but otherwise it's the same attractive shape. It's the bold lines that make it stand out from its more conservative rivals, and it's still the best looking car in the class, which no doubt helps its youthful image.

Small cars certainly aren't as small as they used to be, but the Ibiza strikes a good balance between a compact exterior and a cabin that is usefully sized. In the front there's a good driving position, legroom and headroom are good enough even for taller folk, and it's not a narrow cabin either. In the back, it's fine for kids and you can squeeze adults in there too, but three across the back requires a degree of intimacy. Boot space remains at 292 litres which isn't the outright biggest in the class, but it's a good shape and can cope with reasonable demands.

The pick of the new engine line up is 1.0-litre three cylinder, which is now available in turbocharged form with two power outputs, but the larger 1.2 TFSI tested here is still an excellent device even in the lower 90PS form. Quiet and torquey, it behaves much like a larger capacity engine and there's very little to betray the fact that it is turbocharged. It delivers some impressive numbers too; 0-62mph in 10.7 seconds and 57.6mpg combined too.

Elsewhere, the Ibiza switches to electric power steering, and while that does mean the steering is light and a little less feelsome than before, it only takes one corner to realise it is pleasingly accurate and makes for a fun car to drive. The retuned suspension smooths out bigger road imperfections well too.

In this Connect model, you get the full infotainment experience with Apple Car Play, or MirrorLink depending on your choice of smartphone, which seamlessly displays a select number of your phone apps on screen.

The upgraded speaker system for a modest £155 is a worthwhile investment too.

Even though the Connect model isn't at the top of the Ibiza tree, it's still generously equipped. The key element is the five-inch infotainment system including navigation and DAB, but there's also 16-inch alloy wheels, aluminium sill trims and tasteful cloth seating. All Ibizas get air conditioning, a version of the touchscreen, a USB port, Bluetooth and air conditioning too.

The Ibiza is an ideal car for the younger generation with its impressive kit list and smart exterior, but its appeal is much broader than that.

It's a cinch to drive and is a doddle park, so it would suit older folks too, and there's enough space in the rear for two children in comfort.

The other big plus point is the range of very frugal petrol engines, some of which manage to break the crucial 100g/km barrier.

This car summed up in a single word: Balearic. If this car was a: drink it would be a mojito; sharp and tasty.

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RX five-star safety rating

By Anthony Martyn

The new Lexus RX has achieved the top five-star ranking in independent Euro NCAP crash testing. The results also mark the highest test score for pedestrian protection yet achieved by any SUV – large or small.

Euro NCAP made special mention of the 79 per cent recorded by the RX in pedestrian impact testing, which included a maximum points score for leg and pelvic region protection and a notably high result for head protection.

In fact, the new RX goes even further to reduce the risk of accidents with pedestri-

ans, beyond the boundaries of Euro NCAP's current research.

Its Lexus Safety System+ package of active safety and driver assistance features (provided as standard on all RX versions) includes a Pre-Crash Safety system with a pedestrian detection function.

This means that, across a wide range of speeds, the RX will recognise the risk of a collision with a pedestrian in its path, alert the driver and prepare the brakes to deliver maximum stopping power.

And should the driver fail to take action, autonomous emergency braking will be triggered.

Performance

Euro NCAP will begin assessing this type of system during next year, so at present it has no impact in the new RX's overall performance.

Lexus Safety System+ also provides:

- Adaptive Cruise Control, which helps keep the car a safe distance from the car in front, adjusting to even very low speeds in busy traffic.

- Lane Departure Alert/Lane Keep Assist, which monitors lane markings and warns the driver if the RX moves out of lane without the turn indicators being used, adding brief weight to the steering to help a return to the correct course.

- Road Sign Assist, which recognises principal motorway and major road warning and command signs and repeats them on the driver's multi-information display.

- Automatic High Beam, which picks up the lights of oncoming traffic and vehicles ahead and automatically switches to and from high beam to maintain the best forward



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illumination without the risk of dazzling others (the more sophisticated Adaptive High-beam System on Premier grade models adjusts the pattern of high beam lighting).

The new RX also offers a blind spot mirror, rear cross traffic alert and a 360-degree panoramic view monitor, to help the driver achieve a true all-round view of the car's surroundings and nearby vehicles and hazards.

A sway warning detects erratic driving behaviour indicating driver drowsiness or inattention and prompts an alert that driver

might want to take a break from the wheel.

The vehicle's excellent impact performance can be credited to the exceptional strength of its bodyshell. This makes extensive use of strong but lightweight high-tensile steel and a design that's effective in absorbing impact forces and channelling them away from the cabin.

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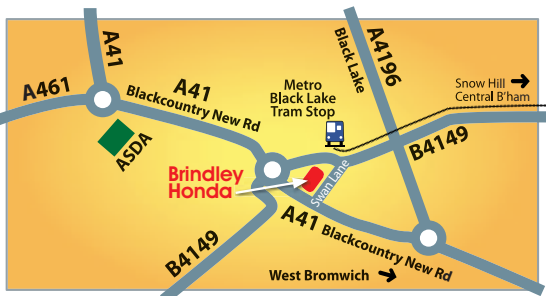
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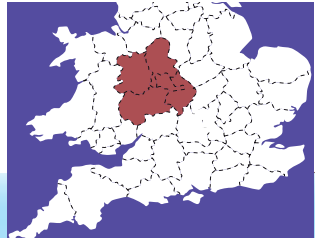
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Pearce puts up brave fight but loses title

STOURBRIDGE'S Steven Pearce went down fighting in the eighth round of a compelling battle for the belt by the seaside on Saturday night, writes Craig Birch.

The challenger was pulled out on the ropes, with blood running down his face from a wound by the right eye.

A clash of heads in the seventh caused the cut towards the early finish in the 10-rounder, held at the Hilton Hotel in Blackpool.

Pearce, in his first shot at a national title, took the fight to home town hero Little, making his first defence of the English crown.

He eagerly threw big right hands looking to take the champion's head off, but they weren't finding their target. Little's cuter work often beat him to the punch, too.

The two regularly tangled in the ropes, with Pearce landing on occasion before Little spun him round to let his hands go.

Pearce tried to pull the fight back to the centre of the ring and work the body, but Little often lulled him into a false sense of security.

Bad luck was to fall on Pearce when blood was shed and, come the following round, the boxer stepped it up to force the finish.

Crumple

He was again prone near the corner as a right hand made him crumple, with half of his body spilling through the ropes.

Referee Phil Edwards issued a standing eight-count.

The onslaught continued as Little rained in with combinations, before a brave and bloodied Pearce was pulled out by the official as he attempted to swap leather.

Hockaday is furious after loss in cup tie

FURIOUS boss Dave Hockaday apologised to supporters and blasted players for 'not caring enough' after Kidderminster Harriers' FA Trophy capitulation at Stourbridge.

The National League Premier's bottom club added another sorry chapter to a dreadful campaign by blowing a second-half lead and losing 2-1 at the War Memorial Ground on Saturday.

It was their second defeat at the hands of the Glassboys this season, after being dumped out of the FA Cup at the same venue in October. And Hockaday could not hide his anger at the collapse.

"It hurts me, it hurts people outside the club, it does not hurt some of my players enough," said Hockaday. "We were one nil up, had chances to win it and have not taken them."

They fight like brother and sister



Alex Hill, aged 13, and his sister Tara, 11

AWARD-WINNING brother and sister who are both martial artists have something to celebrate after being selected to represent the UK.

And it's extra special for 13-year-old Alex Hill, as the martial artist feared he may never practice karate again after being seriously injured when he fell off his bicycle.

Alex, from Kingswinford, spent 10 days in hospital after badly bruising and tearing his pancreas.

The teenager could hardly exercise and was even warned by medi-

cal staff at one point he might never reach black belt.

But just five days after being officially discharged from hospital he brushed off his injuries for national qualifiers, along with his 11-year-old sister, Tara.

Both were selected for the team and will compete with the UK squad in Australia in two years' time. Proud mother Tracy said: "This year has been full of ups and downs for them.

"In February they were on a high,

qualifying for the World Cup with Tara getting double gold and silver, while Alex achieved triple silver.

"They were both asked to go and train with the UK National Squad, which was such an honour and we were so pleased."

They competed in the UK National Championships in Sheffield on November 21 and again walked away with medals.

And all their hard work again finally paid off they have both passed their black belt gradings.

Errors are factor in loss for Stour

Sales FC 13 Stourbridge 10

AFTER a spectacular start Stour's tactics fell victim to errors and dogged opponents who coped marginally better with the incessant rain and deteriorating Heywood Road pitch.

Stour kicked off playing into a stiff breeze and were straight out of the blocks, counter attacking from a Sale kick from their 22.

The ball went quickly left where first James Rodley then Joe Bridger made ground.

With the last defender drawn Bridger slipped a pass to winger Josh Trinhnam who outgassed the cover to score from 40m out, Chris Scott converting.

Sale trucked it back up midfield from a lineup, forcing a penalty just outside the 22 when a Stour defender went off his feet to give outside half Liam McGovern a straightforward three points.

The restart was hoofed back deep into Stour territory, the visitors ran it back but conceded a turnover from an ineffective tackle clearout.

The hosts' speculative kick ahead found touch but Stour failed to clear their lines with a poor clearance kick and then a wayward lineup throw.

Porous

Gifted possession deep in the Stour 22 Sale pressed an attack, a Stour defender drifted out of the line and No.8 Jake Pope drifted unmolested through an uncharacteristically porous Stour defence.

A fluffed clearance kick gifted Stour possession which they drove up midfield, producing a penalty as a tackler failed to roll away, Scott levelling the scores at 10-10 just on the quarter-hour.

Conditions continued to deteriorate, play became error-strewn and both sides found it difficult to mount any sustained pressure.

Stour breathed a sigh of relief when a long-range effort by McGovern flew wide and then benefitted from some Sale backchat, a penalty awarded just short of the Stour tryline reversed in their favour.

A wayward pass was hacked through by the hosts but Trinhnam's cover tackle just prevented the grounding by winger John O'Donnell.

Stour had to put in a huge defensive shift early in the 2nd half as the hosts threw everything into



No.8 James Rodley carried the ball for Stourbridge during the action at Sale

attack, but they were held out and eventually the siege was lifted. Standing water started to appear on the pitch surface, a scoreless stalemate looking likely as both sides struggled.

A break by Heatley was unsubtly halted by a high tackle that earned O'Donnell a spell in the sinbin. But as the clock ticked down Sale fullback Matt Simpson's chase of his speculative garryowen was unceremoniously halted when Stour loosehead Stef Thorp found

himself in Simpson's path with neither brakes nor steering. He too went in the sinbin, McGovern opted to kick at goal from where the ball landed and nudged the hosts ahead with just 4min remaining.

Stour tried valiantly despite the man deficit but were unable to pull it back and left with just a losing bonus point.

This week Stour host Herefordshire rivals Luctonians for a pre-Christmas North Midlands derby.

Stourbridge team had to deal with 11 boards

ON Monday night Stourbridge played 11 boards against Lichfield, six in Wolverhampton division 1 and five in division 3.

The division 1 match was going to be tough as both teams are normally towards the top of the division. Lichfield would be weaker because they were away, but Stourbridge were missing three players.

The three reserves did well and SCC managed to draw the match thanks to a win for Paul Sharratt and four draws.

This means the club now have three points from three matches in what is always a very tight division.

The division 3 match was destined to be even more keenly fought as it was between the top two teams. Lichfield were top with a perfect played five won five and Stourbridge were second with played six won five.

Stourbridge were again outgraded on most boards but still managed to win the match. Tony Shaw drew on top board with Sam Bradley drawing on 3.

Colin Woodall and Martin Bertridge both won on boards 4 and 5 to give us a 3-2 win. SCC are now top of the table by two points but with Lichfield having a match in hand.

On Wednesday Stourbridge fielded a team of youngsters against Mercia B in Wolverhampton division 4.

The big match on Wednesday night was in Birmingham Division 3 where Stourbridge's relegation zone 2nd team took on table topping South Birmingham.

The final score 3-3ifts Stourbridge out of the relegation zone.

Villa looking likely to get new chairman

VILLA are set to appoint a new chairman and another board member should the club not find a buyer, according to their website.

A report from a meeting on Sunday between fans' representatives and Villa chief executive Tom Fox said the move follows a statement from owner Randy Lerner that a new chairman would be appointed should the owner be unable to find a new buyer.

A report on the website of the Aston Villa Supporters' Trust states: "Tom (Fox) advised the announcement of the new chairman would be made imminently, as well as that of the appointment of an additional board member."

It is not known whether the appointment would be internal or external.

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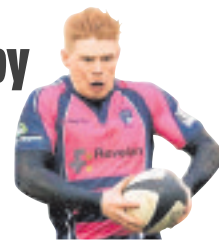
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Heathens snap up Kingston

CRADLEY HEATHENS have snapped up Jack Kingston for 2016 – after persuading him to stay in the saddle.

The 20-year-old Lakeside asset was going to give the season a miss, but changed his mind when the Heathens came calling.

Club bosses pressed ahead with the deal once they got confirmation that James Purchase's starting average will be 3.5 – leaving enough room for Kingston under the 40-point limit.

The former Mildenhall man joins Max Clegg, Ashley Morris, Luke Chessell, James Purchase and Bradley Andrews with just one spot left to fill. The 20-year-old has shown flashes of his potential and will arrive on a 5.84 average.

He said: "I didn't intend on riding this season, to be honest, but getting approached by a club like Cradley was an opportunity I couldn't turn down really."

"After a couple of years in the National League I'm hoping I can finally kick on now."

"I've had some good moments in the last couple of seasons so I know what I'm capable of, it's just I've struggled with consistency too often."

"I can't afford that this season. I need to start scoring points and winning races more regularly and hopefully riding for Cradley can help me do that."

"I've seen the way the likes of Max Clegg, Paul Starke and Ashley Morris have all improved riding for the club. All of them are brilliant riders, and I think a lot of that is down to riding for Cradley." Meanwhile, team boss Pottinger is delighted to welcome Kingston on board and believes he can be a crucial member of their new-look side.

"He's been around for a couple of years now and he's done pretty well," Pottinger said.

Loss means Yeltz miss a chance for spot in playoffs

Grantham 2 Halesowen 0
HALESOWEN Town lost their first league game in eight matches at Grantham as they missed the chance to jump into the Evo-Stik Northern Premier League play-off places.

The Yeltz were without Reece Hales and Keyon Refell, who went back to parent club Kidderminster in the week and struggled to make headway in the first half.

Michael Hollingsworth gave Grantham the lead when he pounced on 29 minutes after Danny Meadow's free-kick had been spilled by Halesowen goalkeeper Shaun Rowley.

Halesowen had some good chances in the second half but failed to capitalise and Stefan Bilyk punished them with the second goal right on the final whistle to make it a miserable trip home. The result leaves the Yeltz eighth, two points outside the top five.

Yeltz: Rowley, Summerford, Lewis, Denny (c), Morrison, Guyes, Charlton, Bragoli, Daniels, Melvin, Griffiths. Subs: Westwood, Watson, Connolly, Hull, Waite.

A day for Stourbridge pride, says boss

DELIGHTED boss Gary Hackett claimed Stourbridge should be 'immensely proud' after their stirring fightback to beat Kidderminster Harriers in the FA Trophy.

The Glassboys beat their higher-ranked rivals for the second time this season after coming from a goal down at the War Memorial Ground on Saturday.

It was a third victory against National League Premier opponents this season.

And Hackett said: "Whatever they (Harriers) might have said about being underdogs, you can't be a Conference side and be underdogs against

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part-timers.

"We have turned it round again and beat them and it is something we should be immensely proud of."

"We had a very strong comeback from a goal down."

"It is special to beat our local rivals who are the biggest non-league club in this area by a country mile."

Gurjit Singh's goal, after an error by Stourbridge keeper Charlie Price, looked to have put

Harriers in command of the first-round tie. But they were stunned as the hosts netted twice in as many minutes, through Chris Lait and Dan Scarr, before Dino Fazlic was sent off for a reckless challenge on Stour skipper Tom Tonks.

Hackett was pleased at the way his team responded after last week's FA Cup exit to Eastleigh.

And the manager, also missing three key players in the shape of Lewis Solly, Leon Broadhurst and skipper Stuart Pierpoint, reckons the victory was a sign of his squad's strength in depth.

"It was tough for Charlie coming in. He has kept us in the game."

GLASSBOYS LEAVE A SCARR

Stourbridge 2 Kidderminster 1
AT least Kidderminster Harriers can take comfort in not having to play Stourbridge again this season.

For the second time in as many months, Dave Hockaday's side travelled to the home of their local rivals and suffered a sobering defeat.

Saturday's loss in the FA Trophy was very different in character to October's 3-0 FA Cup reverse but equally as painful, perhaps more so. For while the former was down to a collective team no-show, the latter featured total capitulation.

A goal up and dominant, Harriers were hit by a rapid one-two punch from which they never recovered, as goals in the space of two second-half minutes from Chris Lait and Dan Scarr turned the tie on its head.

Their lack of fight, in front of a vociferous travelling support, was near unforgivable. A reckless Dino Fazlic challenge, which earned the midfielder a straight red card, further added to another sorry chapter in the club's recent history.

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Angry words at the final whistle were not limited to the dressing room, as Hockaday became embroiled in a brief yet explicit exchange with a member of club staff, a snippet of which escaped on to the local radio airwaves.

Hockaday, to his credit, immediately apologised and it is hard not to have some sympathy with a man who must wonder just where he goes from here. October's defeat was blamed, in part, on the head coach still getting used to his players, but there was no such excuse here.

Neither did he attempt to use one, blasting his team for not caring enough and promising change. Yet, in reality, his options are severely limited.

Even had Harriers won, it would have been little more than a confidence boost toward their main challenge of National League Premier survival, one which gets markedly tougher with every passing week.

With limited resources, the head coach's biggest concern should be how it is the senior players who are letting him and more down.



Dan Scarr celebrates after slotting in the winner for Stourbridge during the match. Photo by Will Kilpatrick

The performances of Ben Whitfield should at least be providing the head coach with room for cheer but it remains unclear whether the midfielder's loan from Bournemouth will be extended beyond next month. Otherwise, reasons to be cheerful are thin on the ground.

All of which should not detract from the achievement of Stourbridge in recording their third win over National League Premier opposition this season.

Gary Hackett's team showed admirable character both to bounce back from last week's FA Cup disappointment and hold their nerve as Harriers threatened to streak clear after going ahead.

It was also a timely display of their strength in depth as, missing three key players from the spine of the side, they were still able to see-off higher-ranked opponents.

True, Charlie Price's ghastly error, when he miscued a simple clearance, did gift Harriers the advantage as Singh was left with an empty net. But the young keeper then made two key saves, from Singh and Whitfield, to keep his team in the game.

Against the run of play, Lait hammered them level after Matt Dodd had hit the post before Scarr became the unlikely of match-winners when he pounced on Hodgkiss' mistake.

Run draws in athletes from all over

DUDLEY Kingswinford Running Club members rubbed shoulders with national and international athletes on Sunday in the Telford 10k.

This was an opportunity for many to finish the year with a fast blast and a large number of top class runners from around the country and overseas took advantage.

Ben Foster was first back in 73rd place in 33.33, Matt Biggs put weeks of specific training to good use finishing in a PB of 34.31 for 92nd place, Rob Meredith finished in 95th in 34.34, Darran Bishop was 191st in 37.25, Dave Norman stopped the clock in 37.52 for 200th place, Simon Hughes recorded a massive PB of 37.54 in 201st and Steve Wood finished in 40.07 in 244th.

Helen Tromans smashed her PB with a time of 40.13 to take 251st overall and claim 1st in her age group, Mark Homer was 263rd in 40.56, Lorna Hulme was 268th in 41.15, Richard Tonks PBd in 287th place in 41.51, Graham Wildgoose was 299th in 42.26, Mark Judge was 305th in 42.24, Stephen Parr was 308th in a PB of 42.37, Andy Litchfield was 344th in 44.20, Tahir Yasin was 353rd in 44.34 and Russell Fox was came home in 47.03 in 421.

Elsewhere there were hoops in attendance at the Sneyd Christmas Pudding Run. A 10-mile road race, Kevin Duckworth made light of recent injuries to come home in 19th place in 1.01.13 and Malcolm Pillar placed 127th overall and 3rd in his age group finishing in 1.15.01.

Further afield a group travelled to Ludlow for the Mortimer Forest Trail Race.

James Wright was first DK runner to cross the line in 22nd place in 72.02, Mick Quane was 50th in 77.32, John Andrews was 274th in 115.23 and Peter Krivosic was 291st in 119.39.

Jackett holds high hopes for new blood

KENNY Jackett says Wolves have 'high hopes' for the current crop of youngsters making their mark with the club.

The Wolves starlets beat Manchester United 3-2 in the league on Saturday to follow up their impressive FA Youth Cup win over MK Dons and an 8-0 thrashing of league leaders Everton.

The likes of Niall Ennis, Connor Roman and Nicu Carnat have been touted as potential future stars.

And Jackett said there was a good chance that some of the side could follow in the footsteps of the likes of Carl Ikeme and Danny Bath, currently regulars in the first team.

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